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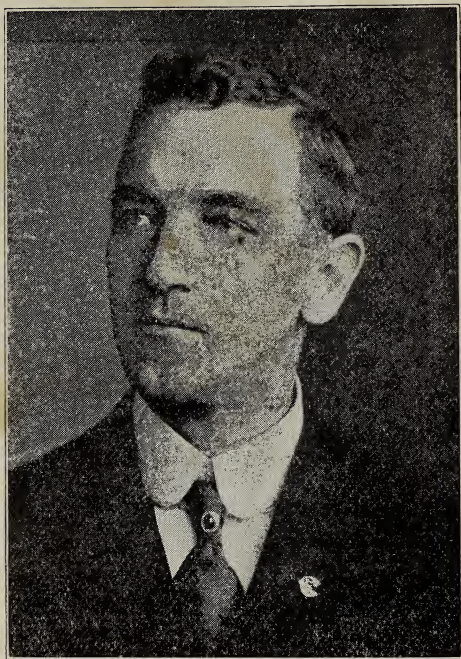
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West Elkton—E. S. Hetzler, R. R. 3, Germantown, O.

David E. Roof, R. R. 3, Germantown, O.

Mt. Zion—C. A. Riegler, R. R. 1, New Madison, O.

S. B. McCabe, R. R. 1, New Madison, O.

Yorkshire—William H. Morgan, Yorkshire, O.

E. E. Hess, Yorkshire, O.

Drexel Park—Miss Nettie Wright.

Werner Atenote.

APPOINTMENTS, WITH MEMBERSHIP OF EACH

- Conference Superintendent, A. R. Clippinger, D.D.
Aley Chapel, 58—Care of Superintendent.
Antioch-Pyrmont, 167-93—C. A. Lynch, pastor.
Arcanum, 368—J. L. Armstrong, pastor.
Beavertown, 168—F. H. Bohn, pastor.
Brookville, 351—C. B. Boda, pastor.
Caylor-Abbottsville, 153-98—W. I. Comfort, pastor.
Cherry Grove, 214; Five Mile, 19; Nine Mile, 32—L. M. Hohn, pastor.
Clayton, 160; Arlington, 135; Englewood, 83—E. E. Saul, pastor.
Colerain-Bevis, 56; Dunlap, 68—C. E. Burris, pastor.
CINCINNATI—
Cheviot, 97—E. S. Comrey, pastor.
Clifton, 148—W. M. VanSickle, pastor.
Mt. Healthy, Mt. Airy, total 218—W. C. Andreas, pastor.
Norris Memorial, 140—E. R. Turner, pastor.
Willey Memorial, 138—A. Dunkelberger, pastor.
DAYTON—
Belmont, 282—J. P. Hendrix, pastor.
Carrmonte, 129—H. G. Clark, pastor.
Cowden Memorial, 542—M. E. Gibson, pastor.
East Dayton, 545—G. T. Powell, pastor.
Euclid Avenue, 764—F. L. Dennis, pastor.
Fairview, 153—M. P. Kindred, pastor.
First Church, 855—J. G. Huber, pastor.
Fort McKinley, 109—M. A. Wagner, pastor.
Hartford Street, 416—J. M. Replogle, pastor.
High Street, 280—J. W. Kilbourne, pastor.
Home Avenue, 328—F. W. May, pastor.
Miami Chapel, 372—J. L. Ulrich, pastor.
Oak Street, 905—J. H. Dutton, pastor.
Olivett, 147—W. H. Klinefelter, pastor.
Troy Street, 90—J. C. Goodrich, pastor.
Drexel, 49—R. H. Le Fever, pastor.
Eaton, 324—J. E. Yingling, pastor.
Eldorado, 163—A. C. Barnhardt, pastor.
Germantown, 460—W. I. Underwood, pastor.
Greenville, 382—S. E. Rasey, pastor.
Hamilton, 170—O. O. Arnold, pastor.
Harrison, 52; Rockdale, 122; Ottwell, 11—G. R. Jacoby, pastor.
Ithaca and Verona, total 482—J. A. Pantle, pastor.

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Lewisburg, 326; West Sonora, 86—G. A. Wahl, pastor.
Liberty, 146; Farmersville, 119; Twin, 82; Johnsville, 176—C. E. Plack, Pastor.
Lockington, 216; New Hope, 60; Bunker Hill, 24; Kirkwood, 25—M. O. Stein, pastor.
Maple Park, 22—H. C. Schlarb, pastor.
Miamisburg, 221—H. K. Geyer, pastor.
Middletown, 540—W. T. Frank, pastor.
Millville, 126—G. R. Jacoby, pastor.
New Haven, 302—C. W. Snyder, pastor.
New Hope, 123—O. D. Wellbaum, pastor.
Nashville, 50—A. O. Ramsey, pastor.
New Madison, 316; Yankeetown, 155—W. H. Smelker, pastor.
Newport, 158—James Robinson, pastor.
North Bend, 147; Zion, 63—Walter VanSaun, pastor.
Otterbein, 214—F. W. Engle, pastor.
Oregonia, 60—E. K. Rodgers, pastor.
Piqua, 398—C. W. Stephens, pastor.
Pleasant Hill, 94—O. D. Wellbaum, pastor.
Potsdam-Phillipsburg, 138-141—Clarence Smith, pastor.
Rosewood, 220; Union, 77; Salem, 62—M. W. Mumma, pastor.
Rossburg, 76; Heistand, 52; Rose Hill, 106; Mt. Zion, 42; New Weston, 47—F. B. Overholt, pastor.
Savona, 138; Weaver Station, 55—E. P. Huddle, pastor.
Springboro-Otterbein Home, 48-123; Utica, 32—J. F. Miller, pastor.
SPRINGFIELD—
Columbus Avenue, 112; Bowlusville, 47—Leroy Smelker, pastor.
Lagonda Avenue, 408—W. C. Niswonger, pastor.
Sulphur Grove, 93; Beardshear, 90—J. H. Mayne, pastor.
Union Chapel, 110—H. C. Schlarb, pastor.
Union City, 387—N. D. Devis, pastor.
Vandalia, 239; Ginghamburg, 147—I. Zimmerman, pastor.
Wagner Chapel, 62—J. W. Wright, pastor.
Waterhouse, 108; Hill Grove, 70—E. L. Smith, pastor.
West Elkton, 140; Greenbush, 79; Brown's Run, 134; State Road, 142—E. S. Weimer, pastor.
West Manchester, 106; Castine, 129—O. F. Bilger, pastor.
West Middletown, 175; Jacksonboro, 105—S. L. Brill, pastor.
Yorkshire, 24—A. O. Ramsey, pastor.

HISTORICAL CHART

No. of Session	Time of Session	Place Where Held	Bishop	Chairman	Secretaries
1	August, 1810.	Michael Crider's, Ross Co.	Newcomer.	Newcomer.	William P. Smith
2	August, 1811.	New Lancaster, Fairfield Co.	Newcomer.	Newcomer.	William P. Smith
3	August, 1812.	Andrew Zeller's, Montgomery Co.	Newcomer.	Abraham Heistand.	John G. Pfirmer and Wm. P. Smith
4	August, 1813.	Peter Sites', Fairfield Co.	Newcomer.	John G. Pfirmer.	Henry Evinger and Conrad Roth
5	August, 1814.	Andrew Zeller's, Fairfield Co.	Newcomer.	Andrew Zeller.	John G. Pfirmer and John McNamar
6	June, 1815.	Jacob Mecklin's, Fairfield Co.	Newcomer.	Andrew Zeller.	John G. Pfirmer and John McNamar
7	June, 1816.	Sister Cramer's, Fairfield Co.	Newcomer.	Andrew Zeller.	John G. Pfirmer and John McNamar
8	June, 1817.	John Henry Fry's, Warren Co.	Newcomer.	Andrew Zeller.	John G. Pfirmer and John McNamar
9	June, 1818.	Frederick Pontius',	Newcomer.	Joseph Hoffman.	H. Kumler, Sr., and Samuel Heistand
10	June, 1819.	H. Kumler's, Sr	Newcomer.	Joseph Hoffman.	Samuel Heistand and Leonard Jones
11	June, 1820.	Adelphia,	Newcomer.	Joseph Hoffman.	Leonard Jones and Adam Besser
12	May, 1821.	Andrew Zeller's,	Newcomer.	Joseph Hoffman.	Samuel Heistand and Alfred Carder
13	May, 1822.	Charlestown, Ind.	Newcomer.	John G. Pfirmer.	J. T. Stewart and L. Bottenberg
14	August, 1823.	Abraham Bookwalter's, Ross Co.	H. Kumler, Sr.	H. Kumler, Sr.	J. T. Stewart and F. Smith
15	June, 1824.	Miltonville	Newcomer.	H. Kumler, Sr.	James T. Stewart
16	August, 1825.	Clear Creek Chapel, Warren Co.	Newcomer.	H. Kumler, Sr.	Craven Lynn and John Henry Fry
17	June, 1826.	Corydon, Ind.	Newcomer.	H. Kumler, Sr.	David Keger and Frederick Smith
18	May, 1827.	Miltonville.	Newcomer.	H. Kumler, Sr.	No minutes recorded
19	May, 1828.	Jacob Garst's, near Germantown.	H. Kumler, Sr.	Joseph Hoffman.	Frederick Smith and Martin Boehm
20	May, 1829.	Clear Creek Chapel, Warren Co.	H. Kumler, Sr.	William Brown.	M. Bottenberg and Martin Boehm
21	May, 1830.	Germantown.	H. Kumler, Sr.	John McNamar.	Martin Boehm
22	May, 1831.	Miltonville.	H. Kumler, Sr.	Andrew Zeller.	Simon Geeting and Daniel Kumler
23	May, 1832.	Germantown.	H. Kumler, Sr.	Joseph Hoffman.	M. Bottenberg and Henry Kumler, Jr
24	May, 1833.	Bonebrake's Church, Preble Co.	H. Kumler, Sr.	Joseph Hoffman.	Martin Boehm
25	May, 1834.	Germantown.	H. Kumler, Sr.	H. Kumler, Jr.	Isaac Robertson
26	May, 1835.	Indian Creek Chapel, Butler Co.	H. Kumler, Sr.	Joseph Hoffman.	William Collins and John H. Fry
27	May, 1836.	Miltonville.	Samuel Heistand.	Joseph Hoffman.	William Collins
28	May, 1837.	Bonebrake's Church, Preble Co.	H. Kumler, Sr.	Joseph Hoffman.	William Collins
29	May, 1838.	Germantown.	H. Kumler, Sr.	H. Kumler, Jr.	William R. Rhinehart
30	May, 1839.	Indian Creek Chapel, Butler Co.	H. Kumler, Sr.	H. Kumler, Jr.	William R. Rhinehart
31	April, 1840.	Lewisburg.	H. Kumler, Jr.	H. Kumler, Sr.	William R. Rhinehart
32	May, 1841.	Liberty.	John Koons.	H. Kumler, Sr.	William R. Rhinehart
33	May, 1842.	Germantown.	H. Kumler, Jr.	Joseph Hoffman.	William R. Rhinehart
34	April, 1843.	Lewisburg.	William Hanby.	Joseph Hoffman.	William R. Rhinehart
35	April, 1844.	Clear Creek Chapel, Warren Co.			
36	March, 1845.				

37	March, 1846..	Otterbein Chapel, Darke Co.....	John Russel.	H. Kumlcr, Sr.	Asa Coho
38	Jan., 1847..	Lewisburg.....	Glossbrenner	H. Kumlcr, Sr.	George Geeting
39	Sept., 1848..	Farmersville.....	Glossbrenner	H. Kumlcr, Sr.	William R. Rhinehart and L. S. Grove
40	Sept., 1849..	Bluffton Ind.....	Edwards	H. Kumlcr, Sr.	L. S. Grove
41	Oct., 1850..	Seven Mile.....	Glossbrenner	Joseph Hoffman.	W. M. R. Rhinehart and W. J. Shuey
42	Sept., 1851..	New Hope.....	Jacob Erb.	John Coons.	Wm. R. Rhinehart and W. J. Shuey
43	Sept., 1852..	Pleasant Ridge Chapel.	Glossbrenner.	John Coons.	Wm. R. Rhinehart and Jos. Weikard
44	August, 1853..	Miami Chapel.	Edwards	John Coons.	W. J. Shuey and Wm. R. Rhinehart
45	Sept., 1854..	Brown's Run Chapel	Edwards	John Coons.	John Kemp, Jr
46	Sept., 1855..	Seven Mile.....	Edwards	John Coons.	William J. Shuey
47	Sept., 1856..	Cincinnati.....	Edwards	H. Kumlcr, Jr.	J. D. Holtzinger
48	Sept., 1857..	Millville.....	Glossbrenner	John Coons.	W. J. Shuey and W. H. Lanthurn
49	Sept., 1858..	Lewisburg.....	Edwards	H. Kumlcr, Jr.	W. J. Shuey and W. H. Lanthurn
50	Sept., 1859..	Liberty.....	Edwards	Glossbrenner.	H. Garst and W. H. Lanthurn
51	August, 1860..	Beavertown.....	Edwards	John Coons.	H. Garst and D. Berger
52	August, 1861..	Miami Chapel	Edwards	John Coons.	J. M. Marshall and W. J. Shuey
53	August, 1862..	Germantown.....	Edwards	John Coons.	J. M. Marshall and B. W. Day
54	August, 1863..	Miltonville.....	Edwards	John Walter.	J. M. Marshall and J. D. Holtzinger
55	August, 1864..	Union Chapel	Edwards	H. Kumlcr.	B. W. Day and J. D. Holtzinger
56	Sept., 1865..	West Sonora.....	Edwards	E. W. Hoffman.	P. H. Davis
57	August, 1866..	Germantown.....	Edwards	E. W. Hoffman.	C. J. Burkert and C. J. Burkert
58	August, 1867..	New Hope.....	Edwards	E. W. Hoffman.	William Dillon and C. J. Burkert
59	August, 1868..	Pymont.....	Edwards	E. W. Hoffman.	C. J. Burkert and William Dillon
60	August, 1869..	Dayton.....	Glossbrenner.	W. J. Shuey	C. J. Burkert and William Dillon
61	August, 1870..	New Haven.....	Glossbrenner.	William McKee	S. M. Hippard and C. J. Burkert
62	August, 1871..	Pleasant Hill.....	Glossbrenner	W. J. Shuey	S. M. Hippard and C. J. Burkert
63	August, 1872..	Pleasant Ridge.....	Glossbrenner	William McKee	C. J. Burkert and S. M. Hippard
64	August, 1873..	Arcanum.....	Weaver.	G. L. Gilbert	C. J. Burkert
65	August, 1874..	Otterbein Chapel.	Weaver.		C. J. Burkert
66	August, 1875..	Miltonville.....	Weaver.		C. J. Burkert
67	August, 1876..	Vandalia.....	Dickson.		C. J. Burkert
68	August, 1877..	Springboro.....	Dickson.		C. J. Burkert
69	August, 1878..	Cherry Grove.....	Dickson.		C. J. Burkert
70	August, 1879..	Beavertown.....	Dickson.		C. J. Burkert
71	August, 1880..	Germantown.....	Dickson.		C. J. Burkert
72	August, 1881..	Union City.....	Glossbrenner.		C. J. Burkert
73	August, 1882..	First Church, Dayton	Glossbrenner.	W. J. Shuey	C. J. Burkert
74	August, 1883..	Lagonda.....	Glossbrenner.	W. J. Shuey	C. J. Burkert
75	August, 1884..	Arcanum.....	Glossbrenner.	W. J. Shuey	C. J. Burkert
76	August, 1885..	Summit Street, Dayton	Weaver.	W. J. Shuey	C. J. Burkert and W. A. Shuey
77	August, 1886..	Greenville.....	Dickson.		C. J. Burkert and W. A. Shuey
78	August, 1887..	Brookville.....	Castle.		C. J. Burkert and W. A. Shuey
79	August, 1888..	Ithaca.....	Kephart.		C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
80	August, 1889..	Miamisburg.....	Dickson.		C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
81	August, 1890..	Cherry Grove.....	Weaver.		C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
82	Sept., 1891..	Springfield.....	Castle.	W. J. Shuey.	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn

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83	August, 1892.	Miami Chapel, Dayton.	Kephart.		C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
84	August, 1893.	Vandalia.	Mills.		C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
85	Sept., 1894.	Germantown.	Kephart.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
86	Sept., 1895.	Dayton, First Church.	Weaver.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
87	Sept., 1896.	Lewisburg.	Hott.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
88	Sept., 1897.	New Haven.	Hott.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
89	August, 1898.	Phillipsburg.	Hott.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
90	August, 1899.	Cincinnati.	Hott.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
91	August, 1900.	Hartford Street, Dayton.	Hott.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
92	August, 1901.	Ithaca, Darke Co.	Kephart.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
93	August, 1902.	New Madison.	Kephart.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
94	August, 1903.	Middletown.	Kephart.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
95	August, 1904.	Riverdale, Dayton.	Kephart.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
96	August, 1905.	Eaton.	Mills.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
97	August, 1906.	Brookville.	Mills.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
98	August, 1907.	Troy Street, Dayton.	Mills.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
99	August, 1908.	Union City, Ind.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
100	August, 1909.	First Church, Dayton.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
101	August, 1910.	Piqua.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
102	August, 1911.	East Dayton.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
103	August, 1912.	Germantown.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
104	August, 1913.	College Hill, Cincinnati.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
105	August, 1914.	Lagonda, Springfield.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
106	August, 1915.	Miamisburg.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
107	August, 1916.	High Street, Dayton.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
108	August, 1917.	Eaton.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
109	August, 1918.	Vandalia.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn
110	August, 1919.	Euclid Avenue, Dayton.	Mathews.	.....	C. J. Burkert and J. W. Kilbourn

IN MEMORIAM

The following list includes all the deceased members of Miami annual conference of whom mention is made in conference Minutes. It is greatly to be regretted that greater care has not been observed in the preparation of the memoirs. In many cases the mere fact of death only is recorded.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF MIAMI CONFERENCE—1810-1918.

"They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

CHERISHED NAMES	DIED
WILLIAM P SMITH.....	1816
FREDERICK KLINGER.....	1823
ABRAHAM PONSER.....	1824
JOHN GEORGE PRIMER.....	1825
JOHN HARVEY.....	1828
THOMAS HAINES.....	1828
JACOB MAHAN.....	1829
ARCHIBOLD E MICHAEL.....	1829
PHILIP SAUR.....	1832
MICHAEL COOVER.....	1839
GEORGE HOFFMAN.....	1839
ROBERT DUNCAN.....	1839
Ex-Bishop ANDREW ZELLER.....	1839
JOSEPH H FRY.....	1841
WILLIAM OGBORN.....	1841
PETER BONEBRAKE.....	1843
JACOB FLICKINGER.....	1844
CHRISTIAN SHEARER.....	1844
ISAAC V D ROBERTSON.....	1846
DAVID KISER.....	1848
FREDERICK BONEBRAKE.....	1849
ROBERT A WHEAT.....	1850
WILLIAM R LEWIS.....	1850
JACOB KEMP, Sr.....	1851
Ex-Bishop HENRY KUMLER.....	1854
MARTIN BOEHM.....	1855
DANIEL BONEBRAKE.....	1856
Ex-Bishop JOSEPH HOFFMAN.....	1857
CURTIS EDWARDS.....	1858
JOHN ZELLER.....	1858
JOHN ALLEN.....	1859
WILLIAM P RHINEHART.....	1861
JACOB ANTRIM.....	1861
JACOB SURFACE.....	1861
DANIEL TROYER.....	1863
SWAIN CORSON.....	1863
THOMAS SHAIN.....	1863
DANIEL N FLEMING.....	1863
JOHN KEMP, Sr.....	1865
JACOB M MARSHALL.....	1866
JACOB G KING.....	1867
Ex-Bishop JOHN COONS.....	1869
JOHN COLEMAN.....	1871
ELIAS W HOFFNER.....	1873
DANIEL ANTRIM.....	1873
O SHOOP.....	1873
CONRAD BONEBRAKE.....	1874
JOHN L HOFFMAN.....	1875
SIMON GEETING.....	1875
STEPHEN M HEARN.....	1877
WILLIAM NICHOLAS.....	1878
JACOB KING.....	1878

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JAMES FLEENOR.....	1879
ADAM HETZLER.....	1880
JOHN SLIFE.....	1880
WILLIAM K. McCABE.....	1881
FRANK N FOWLER.....	1881
<i>Ex-Bishop</i> HENRY KUMLER, Jr.....	1882
DANIEL C KUMLER.....	1882
JOHN KEMP, Jr.....	1883
W H LANTHURN.....	1884
HENRY HOFFMAN.....	1884
LUKE E PIERCE.....	1884
G L GILBERT.....	1885
W W COONS.....	1886
JAMES LONG.....	1888
CHRISTOPHER FLINCHBAUGH.....	1888
HENRY TOBEY.....	1889
CHESTER BRIGGS.....	1890
HENRY SURFACE.....	1892
JOSEPH GOMER.....	1892
LAWRENCE BURNS.....	1894
W G WELLS.....	1896
L A McGREW (Massacred in Africa, May 9).....	1898
JOHN WALTER.....	1899
W R HOULTON.....	1899
J W GLENN.....	1902
J B DOUGHMAN.....	1902
SARAH A DICKEY.....	1904
GRANVILLE M HEMPHILL.....	1905
CYRUS J BURKERT.....	1905
COLUMBUS HALL.....	1906
WILLIAM McKEE.....	1907
J D HOLTZINGER.....	1907
J W BOVEY.....	1908
D MYERS.....	1908
S M HIPPARD.....	1909
I L KEPHART.....	1909
C H SNYDER.....	1910
F G GRIGSBY.....	1911
HENRY GARST.....	1911
D K FLICKINGER.....	1912
G W ARNOLD.....	1912
W K ALBRIGHT.....	1914
J L SWAIN.....	1917
W J PRUNER.....	1918

"Servant of God, well dore!
 Thy glorious warfare's past;
 The battle's fought, the race is run,
 And thou art crowned at last."

"Oh, how sweet it will be, in that beautiful land,
 So free from all sorrow and pain,
 With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,
 To meet one another again."

Conference Proceedings

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

The conference journal has been carefully examined, and all standing resolutions of special use are incorporated.

Conference of 1875, Miltonville Session:

Resolved, That the missionary money appropriated to the different missions in this conference be paid monthly, and that no part be paid except by order of the conference Superintendent, and if in the judgment of the quarterly conference the missionary fails to faithfully perform his work it shall be in the power of the next conference, upon the recommendation of the conference Superintendent, to withhold any part of the amount appropriated by this conference.

Conference of 1880, Germantown session:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the conference that hereafter the word "dropped" be applied only to persons who sustain the relation of seekers to the Church and cease to be such in fact, or such as are mentioned in Chapter V., Section 1, and Clause 3, of Discipline.

Conference of 1822, Dayton First Church session:

Resolved, That the examination in course of reading shall hereafter be conducted in writing.

Conference of 1890, Cherry Grove Session:

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Resolved, That the amount appropriated to conference claimants be hereafter paid quarterly by the treasurer.

MISSION CHARGES.

Resolved, That the amount received as missionary appropriation by mission charges to be added to the amount of salary received on the charge, and be so reported to the conference chart.

Conference of 1908, Union City Session:

Resolved, That we continue the minimum salary plan in this conference; and that appropriations to missions be made at least on the basis of the minimum salary where full time is rendered. All contingencies which may arise shall be referred to the conference Board of Trustees by the conference Superintendent for adjustment.

Conference of 1915, Miamisburg session:

Resolved. That we renew the action taken by the conference one year ago with reference to superannuated preachers, to-wit: That all superannuated itinerants who have served in this conference continuously in the active itinerancy for forty consecutive years, shall receive three hundred dollars per year, and those having served thirty consecutive years shall receive two hundred and fifty dollars, and those having served twenty years shall receive two hundred dollars; and that this action shall be permanent unless rescinded or changed by special action of the conference.

**MUTUAL BENEFICIAL SOCIETY
OF
Miami Annual Conference of the United Brethren
in Christ**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this society shall be the 'Mutual Beneficial Society of Miami annual conference of the United Brethren in Christ.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this society shall be mutual benefit in case of death, as hereinafter stated.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

1. Any minister of Miami annual conference may become a member of this society by a vote of the society, and paying to the secretary one dollar entrance fee, which binds him to pay two dollars for the benefit of the heirs of each and every member on his death; the said two dollars to be paid to the secretary of this society within thirty days after the date of the notice of the death of the member.

2. Membership in this society must be taken within one year after entering into full, active service in the conference in the case of those coming from their quarterly conferences and those coming from their annual conferences or churches, who have not reached the age of thirty-five years. If membership is not taken within that time, the applicant must pay to the secretary, in addition to the initiation fee, a sum equal to the amount of the annual and mortality dues having accrued to each member of this society since the applicant's first year of service in the conference. In the case of those coming from other conferences or churches and who are over thirty-five years of age, the applicant must pay to the secretary, in addition to the initiation fee, a sum equal to the amount of the annual and mortality dues having accrued to each member since applicant became thirty-five years of age.

3. The wife of any minister of Miami conference may become a member of this society, with the same privileges and advantages upon the same conditions as ministers, provided such wife is in good bodily health at the time of the application.

4. Each member shall pay one dollar annually to the secretary of the society, said sum to be paid at the annual session of the conference. The secretary shall give notice to all members of the time when payment shall become due.

5. Not more than two mortality assessments shall be made per conference year while there is \$1,000 or more in the treasury.

ARTICLE IV.—BENEFITS.

The amount of two hundred dollars shall be paid on the death of any member of the society, to his wife, or her husband, or if none, then to his or her children, and if neither, then to his or her estate.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall be a president, vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the annual conference.

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1. The president shall preside at all the meetings of the society, and shall sign all orders for money to be paid out by the treasurer and in case of death, resignation, or absence of the president, the vice-president shall perform his duties.

2. The secretary shall keep a record account of all the transactions and take charge of all the papers and books of the society. Within ten days after the death of a member he shall notify all surviving members of the date of the death of such member, and also the date on which the obligation of such must be met, and shall countersign all orders for money to be paid out by the treasurer. He shall also see that each member is provided with a proper certificate of membership, and the amount of benefit due his heirs at his death, and sign said certificate himself, and secure the signature of the president to the same.

3. The treasurer shall keep safely all money belonging to the society, and shall disburse the same only on the order of the president, countersigned by the secretary. Within thirty days after the death of a member, on the order of the president, countersigned by the secretary, he shall pay to the heirs of such deceased member the amount of the benefit, two hundred dollars, herein prescribed. He shall give receipts for all moneys received, and take vouchers for all disbursed. He shall make a full report of all moneys received and disbursed to the regular meeting of the society at each annual conference session.

ARTICLE VI.

Transfer to another conference of the United Brethren in Christ shall not forfeit membership; but any member who has been expelled, or has withdrawn from the conference without its consent, forfeits his membership. Any person failing to pay the two dollars agreed upon within thirty days after the date of the notice of the death of a member, or his annual dues, as herein provided for, shall from that time cease to be a member, and shall have no claim upon any benefits of the society, and shall not be reinstated until all omitted obligations are paid in full.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

A regular meeting of the society shall be held annually during the session of the conference at the call of the president. At such annual meeting the officers of the society shall be elected, by ballot, and such other business transacted as may be in accordance with the object sought by the society. A majority of the members, other than honorary, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.—ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

All members who may not have paid within thirty days from the date of notice of the death of a member the agreed upon two dollars, shall be again notified by the secretary of the time when the thirty days in which payment was to have been made expired, and shall be allowed ten days additional in which to pay the same; any member failing in this, his membership is forfeited.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of all the ministerial members present at a regular meeting of the society.

ROLL OF MEMBERS

Albright, Nancy.....	1898	Arthur, Alice Maud.....	1902
Arnold, O. O.....	1909	Barnhardt, A. C.....	1910
Arnold, Mrs. O. O.....	1911	Barnhard, Iva M.....	1912
Arthur, E. J.....	1897	Beckett J. N.....	1893

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Beckett Mrs. J. N.....	1905	Landis, J. P.....	1887
Bevis, Ruth.....	1916	Mathews, G. M.....	1888
Bevis N. D.....	1916	Mayne, J. H.....	1887
Bilger, O. F.....	1907	Mayne, Virgil B.....	1915
Bittner, A. E.....	1912	Mayne, Lydia B.....	1915
Boda, C.....	1900	McKee, Mrs. William.....	1901
Bohn, F. H.....	1997	McNelly Calvin.....	1906
Bohn, Louisa.....	1903	Miller C. W.....	1887
Bookwalter, L.....	1890	Meyer, C.....	1907
Bowers, E. W.....	1888	Mumma, M. W.....	1918
Bowers, Dora.....	1898	Mumma Mrs. Fostoria.....	1918
Brubaker, U. B.....	1915	Myers, Herbert.....	1916
Brubaker, Martha.....	1915	Niswonger, W. C.....	1887
Bushong, T. F.....	1887	Niswonger, Clara A.....	1898
Bushong, Laura M.....	1898	Penick, R. E.....	1914
Caylor, E. H.....	1897	Penick, Mrs. R. E.....	1916
Clippinger A. R.....	1911	Plack, C. E.....	1912
Comfort M. I.....	1906	Plack, Mrs. C. E.....	1915
Comfort Geo. J.....	1907	Pantle, Jacob.....	1892
Comrey, E. S.....	1917	Pantle, Ella.....	1902
Comrey, Mrs. E. S.....	1917	Rasey, S. E.....	1912
Dennis, Fred L.....		Rasey, Mrs. S. E.....	1913
Dennis, Anna M.....		Replogle, J. M.....	1893
Dunkelberger, A.....	1887	Robinson, James A.....	1919
Dunkelberger, Laura.....	1908	Robinson, Mrs. James A.....	1919
Dutton, J. H.....	1912	Saul, E. E.....	1887
Farris, B. F.....	1908	Saul, Alma J.....	1898
Farris, Hattie L.....	1908	Sechrist, H. A.....	1887
Flory, J. W.....	1887	Sechrist, Rosetta.....	1898
Fout, H. H.....	1892	Shuey, W. J.....	1887
Fout, Adah C.....	1901	Smelker, W. H.....	1910
Fryman, C. E.....	1917	Smelker, Muriel D.....	1910
Fryman Flora.....	1917	Smith, Clarence S.....	1917
Grigsby, Mrs. F. G.....	1900	Smith, E. L.....	1919
Hamilton, G. W.....	1888	Smith, Mrs. E. L.....	1919
Hamilton, Clara G.....	1912	Stein, M. O.....	1911
Hamilton, Ella.....	1913	Stein, Lillie.....	1917
Hemphill, Ruth E.....	1896	Stewart, J. P.....	1902
Hohn, L. M.....	1915	Stewart, Matilda.....	1903
Hohn, Mrs. L. M.....	1916	Stephens, C. W.....	1902
Hoyle, Maud E.....	1914	Turner, E. R.....	1918
Huber, J. G.....	1895	Underwood, W. I.....	1910
Huddle, S.....	1887	VanSickle, W. M.....	1891
Jacoby, G. R.....	1918	VanSickle Clara B.....	1902
Judy, Clayton.....	1910	Wahl, G. A.....	1905
Judy, Mrs. Clayton.....	1910	Wahl, Lizzie A.....	1908
Keister, S. W.....	1887	Warner, Ira D.....	1915
Kilbourne, J. W.....	1890	Weimer, E. S.....	1903
Kilbourne, Mary A.....	1898	Wellbaum O. D.....	1911
Kissel, A.....	1906	Wellbaum, Mrs. O. D.....	1911
Kissel, Mrs. A.....	1906	<i>Honorary Member—</i>	
Klinefelter, W. H.....	1895	Miller, L. O.....	1911
Klinefelter, Mrs. W. H.....	1916		

Chester Briggs, died July 7, 1890; Lawrence Burns, died April 11, 1884, W. G. Wells, died July 24, 1896; L. A. McGrew, died May 9, 1898; Margery F. VanSickle died September 13, 1898; Nancy Holtzinger died May 4, 1899; John Walter, died May 14, 1899; W. R. Houlton, died June 15, 1899; G. M. Hemphill, died January 27, 1905; C. J. Burkert, died November 12, 1905; J. D. Holtzinger died June 4, 1907; Wm.

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McKee, died October 6, 1907; Elizabeth Hamilton, died October 22, 1907; S. M. Hippard, died May 22, 1909; C. H. Snyder, died January 27, 1910; F. G. Grisby, died February 27, 1911; L. K. Flickinger, D.D., died August 29, 1911; G. W. Arnold, died February 27, 1912; Hannah Swain, died February 20, 1913; W. K. Albright, died March 28, 1914; Anna Burkert, died May 24, 1916; J. L. Swain, died May 5, 1917; Elizabeth Huddle, died December 8, 1917; W. J. Pruner, died April 10, 1918; C. W. Kurtz, died August 7, 1918; Minnie A. Stephens, died February 19, 1919.

Amount of money in treasury, September 1, 1919\$1516.01

FIELD OF LABOR	Name of Preacher	No. Churches on Charge	Beginning of Year	Received by Conf. of Faith	Received by Letter or Transfer	Received by Change in B'dy	Total in Church during Year	Lost by Death	Lost by Letter and Transfer	Lost by Change in Boundary
1 Aley Chapel	F. H. Bohn	1	64				64	1		
2 Antioch-Pyrmont	C. A. Lynch	2	245	13	12		270	3	7	
3 Arcanum	F. L. Armstrong	1	375	43	7	50	475	9	15	
4 Beavertown	F. H. Bohn	1	174				174	3	8	
5 Brookville	C. B. Boda	1	344	15	16		375	2	12	
6 Caylor-Abbottsville	M. I. Comfort	2	184	68	14		266	3	5	
7 Cherry Grove	L. M. Hohn	3	317	8	3		328	3		
8 Clayton	E. S. Weimer	3	449	12	5	93	559	4	8	152
9 Colerain-Bevis	W. J. Fuchs	2	162				162			38
10 Cincinnati-Cheviot	E. S. Comrey	1	93	3	5		101		4	
11 Clifton	W. M. VanSickle	1	117	22	14		153	1	4	
12 Mt. Healthy	J. L. Ulrich	1	164	16			220	2		
13 Norris Memorial	E. R. Turner	1	127	23	7	40	157	4	4	
14 Willey Memorial	A. Dunkleberger	1	139	14			153	1	2	
15 Dayton-Belmont	J. P. Hendrix	1	266	17	16		299	2	2	
16 Carrmonte	H. G. Clark	1	116	10	4		130	1		
17 Cowden Memorial	O. D. Wellbaum	1	590	40	7		637	1	19	
18 East Dayton	G. T. Powell	1	537	27	28		592	3	17	
19 Euclid Ave	F. L. Dennis	1	767	15	19		801	10	24	
20 First Church	J. G. Huber	1	794	38	42		874	10	9	
21 Fairview	E. E. Johnson	1	146	9	8		163	1	7	
22 Fort McKinley	M. A. Wagner	1	115	3	3		121		3	
23 Hartford St.	J. M. Replogle	1	453	10	9		472	6	26	
24 High St.	J. W. Kilbourne	1	266	32	4		302	4	2	
25 Home Ave	F. W. May	1	298	18	24		340	4	6	
26 Miami Chapel	O. O. Arnold	1	365	20	4		389	8		
27 Olivet	W. H. Klinefelter	1	158	2			160	1	4	
28 Oak St.	J. H. Dutton	1	870	48	33		951	9	35	
29 Troy St.	Leroy Smelker	1	112	2	1		115	1	2	
30 Drexel	C. E. Burris	1	57		4		61	2	11	
31 Eaton	J. E. Yingling	1	320	14	10		344	4	6	
32 Eldorado	A. C. Barnhardt	2	265	35	13		313	3	7	
33 Germantown	W. I. Underwood	1	436	29	8		473	6	3	
34 Greenville	S. E. Rasey	1	372	12	15		399	4	8	
35 Hamilton	M. P. Kindred	1	161	11	12		184	1	8	
36 Harrison	G. R. Jacoby	3	190	3	1		194	1	1	
37 Ithaca	J. A. Pantle	2	445	46	6		497	9	6	
38 Lewisburg	G. A. Wahl	2	412	3	13		428	4	7	
39 Liberty	C. E. Plack	4	527	23			550	3	11	
40 Lockington	M. O. Stein	4	310	19	3		332	5	2	
41 Maple Park	B. F. Farris	1	20	2			22			
42 Miamisburg	W. C. Andreas	1	224	3	1		228	4	3	
43 Middletown	W. T. Frank	1	495	46	24		565	12	9	
44 New Hope-Pl. Hill	C. E. Fryman	2	223	10	2		235	3	12	
45 New Haven	C. W. Snyder	1	295	12	9		316	6	2	
46 Newport	C. McNelly	1	148	22	4		174	2	9	
47 New Madison	W. H. Smelker	2	443	20	19		482	2	9	
48 North Bend	W. VanSaun	2	214	2			216	5		
49 Otterbein	L. W. Biddle	1	198	24	9		231	2	4	
50 Otterbein Home	J. R. King	1	111	5	12		128	2	3	
51 Piqua	C. W. Stephens	1	420	10	6		436	6	8	
52 Potsdam-Phillipsburg	E. P. Huddle	2	136	13		144	293	5	7	93
53 Rossburg	E. L. Smith	5	368	7	8		323		1	
54 Rosewood	M. W. Mumma	3	336	19	18		373	10	3	
55 Springfield-Col'mb's Av	J. A. Robinson	2	102	27	5	54	188	2	10	
56 Lagonda Ave	W. C. Nisewonger	1	395	26	10		431	4	12	
57 Springboro	E. J. Haerr, S. L. Brill	3	134	11			145		5	
58 Sulphur Grove	J. H. Mayne	2	180	1	4		185	2		
59 Union City	N. D. Bevis	1	383	18	6		407	10	10	
60 Union Chapel	E. E. Saul	1	118				118		6	
61 Vandalia	I. Zimmerman	2	330	57	18		405	7	6	
62 Waterhouse	F. W. Pontius	3	230	20	4		254	2	13	
63 West Elkton	C. S. Smith	4	468	37	7		512		14	
64 West Manchester	O. F. Bilger	2	197	34	4		235			
65 Wagner Chapel	R. H. Lefever	1	70				70	2	3	
66 West Middletown	B. F. Farris	2	277	4	1		282	1	1	
67 Yorkshire	E. L. Smith	1	19	5			24			
68 Millville	G. R. Jacoby	1	106	22			128		1	1
69 Mt. Zion	None	1	48	14			62	1	6	
Totals		109	18930	1194	541	381	21046	229	452	284
Totals Last Year		109	18828	1194	491		20510	182	424	
Increase			102		50	381	536	47	28	284
Decrease										

	All Other Losses	Total Loss	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Under Watch care of Church	No. V. P. S. C. E. Societies	Members	Junior and Int. C. E. Societies	Members	No. Otterbein Brotherhoods	Members	No. W. M. A. Societies	Members	No. Otterbein Guilds	Members	No. Sunday Schools
1	5	6	58		6		1	2					1	9			1
2		10	260	15			2	48					2	43			2
3	52	76	399	24		9	2	45					2	42			1
4		11	163		11	8	1	67					1	18			1
5	10	24	351	7			1	50	1	35	1	24	1	48	1	18	1
6	7	15	251	67									1	16	2	18	2
7		3	325	8			2	75									3
8	17	181	378		71		2	77					2	32			3
9		38	124		38		1	40					1	12			2
10		4	97	4			1	14	1	22							1
11		5	148	31			1	26	1	36			1	20			1
12		2	218	54		3			1	21	1	19					2
13	9	17	140	13		8	1	39	1	33							1
14	12	15	138		1		1	34					1	34			1
15	13	17	282	16			1	90	2	70	2	82	1	52	1	11	1
16		1	129	13			1	35	1	32			1	11			1
17	75	95	542		48		2	72	2	32	1	40	1	63	1	28	1
18	27	47	545	8		12	1	65	1	50			1	50	1	17	1
19	3	37	764		3		1	50	1	20			1	143	1	35	1
20		19	855	61			1	20		1	50		1	134	1	47	1
21	2	10	153	7		33	1	14	2	72	1	18	1	17	1	20	1
22	9	12	109		6		1	50	1	24							1
23	24	56	416		37		1	29	1	20	1	50	1	70	1	18	1
24	16	22	230	14			1	60	1	22			1	53	1	24	1
25	2	12	328	30		8	1	36	1	32	1	27	1	36			1
26	9	17	372	7					2	95				51	1	16	1
27	8	13	147		11		1	20	1	25			1	14			1
28	2	46	905	35			1	110	2	48	1	109	1	213	1	38	1
29	22	25	90		22		1	22	1	22					1	16	1
30		13	48		9		1	25	1	20							1
31	12	22	322	2			1	65	1	18	1	40	1	16	1	25	1
32	2	12	301	36			2	48					2	41			2
33	4	13	460	24		3	1	49			1	96	1	54	1	35	1
34	5	17	382	10			1	25			1	40	1	45	1	20	1
35	5	14	170	9		9			1	19							1
36	7	9	185		5		2	53									2
37		15	482	37			1	40					2	42			2
38	5	16	412				1	25					2	23			2
39	15	29	521		6	6	1	75					2	38			4
40	7	14	318	8					1	25			1	20			4
41			22	2													1
42		7	221		3		1	42									1
43	4	25	540	45		4	1	106	2	100			1	90	1	16	1
44	3	18	217		6												2
45	6	14	302				1	57	1	27	1	95		96			1
46	5	16	158	10									1	7	1	12	1
47		11	471	28		15	2	70					2	112	1	38	2
48	1	6	210		4		2	46	2	20				12			2
49	11	17	214	16		6	1	131					1	33	1	37	1
50		5	123	12			1	52	1	100			1	49			1
51	24	38	398		22		1	60					1	78			1
52	2	107	186	50							1	28	1	72			2
53		1	322	14			1	20					1	13			5
54	1	14	359	23			1	75	2				1	38	1	26	3
55	17	29	159	57			1	36		1	25						2
56	7	23	408	13			1	47	2	66			1	50			1
57		5	140	6			1	18									3
58		2	183	3													2
59		20	387	4		2	1	48					1	33			1
60	2	8	110		8		1	30						28			1
61	6	19	386	56			2	32	2	55			2	35			2
62	11	26	228		2		2	39					1				3
63	3	17	495	27			1	70					1	13			4
64			235	38			1	12					1	10			2
65	3	8	62		8												1
66		2	280	3			2										3
67			24	5													1
68		2	126	20													1
69		7	55	7													1
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	268	92	446	265		49	2	223	2	52	3	185	1	269		112	1

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1 Aley Chapel.....	10	33	10	20	73	15	3		20	1	45		4
2 Antioch-Pyrmont..	33	189	12	24	258	105	1		23			9	22
3 Arcanum.....	33	335		22	400	190							13
4 Beavertown.....	19	170	9	10	208	94	3		66			3	50
5 Brookville.....	35	394	6	30	465	280	4	2	175			17	55
6 Caylor-Abbottsville	37	270	25	51	383	130	2	3	41			62	20
7 Cherry Grove.....	33	241			274	135	6	5	105			8	25
8 Clayton.....	66	405	28	48	547	266	6	4	79	2	105	12	11
9 Colerain-Bevis.....	23	138			161		1		10	2	50		7
10 Cincinnati-Cheviot	26	195	75	30	326	122							37
11 Clifton.....	24	265	13	18	320	149	3	1	40			10	27
12 Mt. Healthy.....	27	158	15	37	237	112	2	2	31	1	100	3	23
13 Norris Mem.....	19	141		16	176	105	2	3	63			13	11
14 Willey Mem.....	23	155	27	33	238	120							22
15 Dayton-Belmont...	29	375	21	165	530	200	6	3	170			32	21
16 Carrmonte.....	27	141	8	23	199	113	4	2	74	1	20	10	5
17 Cowden Mem.....	35	450	30	10	525	271	5	6	253	1	50	39	37
18 East Dayton.....	70	451	46	81	648	274	6	3	175	1	200	17	45
19 Euclid Ave.....	48	714		70	832	310	7	1	260	1	15	12	49
20 First Church.....	55	784	45	66	950	375	10	10	415			32	24
21 Fairview.....	15	188	25	23	251	148	2	2	21			9	1
22 Fort McKinley.....	19	139	14		172	72	2	2	30				4
23 Hartford St.....	34	500		73	607	240	6	2	175			16	15
24 High St.....	29	350	55	110	544	200	3	6				18	12
25 Home Ave.....	45	328	15	44	432	198	5	2	132	1	15	25	30
26 Miami Chapel.....	22	408	25	34	489	192	3	4				18	10
27 Olivet.....	24	192	20	30	266	99	2	2	37			2	32
28 Oak St.....	75	734	37	153	1004	500	5	11	434	1	85	31	58
29 Troy St.....	21	199			220	79	3	1	50	1	50		3
30 Drexel.....	15	77	8	13	115	47	2						1
31 Eaton.....	21	165	20	37	243	110	6	3	95			14	21
32 Eldorado.....	37	367	12	50	466	214	9	4	215			47	18
33 Germantown.....	31	401	10	9	471	217	5	2	209			10	49
34 Greenville.....	32	322	16	26	396	138	5	3	172	1	100	12	38
35 Hamilton.....	23	210	10	24	267	100	3	3	44			14	13
36 Harrison.....	27	124	6	18	175	96	4	1	69			4	17
37 Ithaca.....	54	345	30	25	454	225	2		45			46	54
38 Lewisburg.....	37	415		18	470	138	3		148	1	154	5	31
39 Liberty.....	74	355	12	25	466	222	3		45			23	26
40 Lockington.....	40	275		12									

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17 Cowden Mem.....	35	450	30	10	525	271	5	6	253	1	50	39	37
18 East Dayton.....	70	451	46	81	648	274	6	3	175	1	200	17	45
19 Euclid Ave.....	48	714		70	832	310	7	1	260	1	15	12	49
20 First Church.....	55	784	45	66	950	375	10	10	415			32	24
21 Fairview.....	15	188	25	23	251	148	2	2	21			9	1
22 Fort McKinley.....	19	139	14		172	72	2	2	60				4
23 Hartford St.....	34	500		73	607	240	6	2	175			16	15
24 High St.....	29	350	55	110	544	200	3	6				18	12
25 Home Ave.....	45	328	15	44	432	198	5	2	132	1	15	25	30
26 Miami Chapel.....	22	408	25	34	489	192	3	4				18	10
27 Olivet.....	24	192	20	30	266	99	2	2	37			2	32
28 Oak St.....	75	734	37	153	1004	500	5	11	434	1	85	31	58
29 Troy St.....	21	199			220	79	3	1	50	1	50		3
30 Drexel.....	15	77	8	13	115	47	2						1
31 Eaton.....	21	165	20	37	243	110	6	3	95			14	21
32 Eldorado.....	37	367	12	50	466	214	9	4	215			47	18
33 Germantown.....	31	401	10	9	471	217	5	2	209			10	49
34 Greenville.....	32	322	16	26	396	138	5	3	172	1	100	12	38
35 Hamilton.....	23	210	10	24	267	100	3	3	44			14	13
36 Harrison.....	27	124	6	18	175	96	4	1	69			4	17
37 Ithaca.....	54	345	30	25	454	225	2		45			46	54
38 Lewisburg.....	37	415		18	470	138	3		148	1	154	5	31
39 Liberty.....	74	355	12	25	466	222	3		45			23	26
40 Lockington.....	40	275		12	327	200	4	2	90	1	35	8	18
41 Maple Park.....	12	60			72	40							
42 Miamisburg.....	20	144	15	36	215	83	3		40			1	13
43 Middletown.....	26	415	12	29	492	310	6	5	270			60	72
44 New Hope-Pl. Hill	33	85	3	19	140	75	6	3	40			7	18
45 New Haven.....	32	230	38	26	326	110	4	5	95	1	128	18	36
46 Newport.....	23	175	25	28	251	90	13	1	65			16	14
47 New Madison.....	46	375	36	26	447	189	3	3	100			16	66
48 North Bend.....	25	154	30	46	255	102	4	3	40	1	12	1	7
49 Otterbein.....	21	190	12	19	242	75	2	1	70			24	31
50 Otterbein Home...	17	178	15	8	218	160	2		50			5	38
51 Piqua.....	26	300	12	30	368	165	5		225			2	40
52 Potsdam-Phillipsb.	37	240	31	46	354	137	3	3	110			13	22
53 Rossburg.....	47	388		10	445	203	3	3				11	13
54 Rosewood.....	31	249	6	20	306	120	2	2	62			20	33
55 Springfield-Col. Av	23	190		15	228	107	1		12			23	25
56 Lagonda Ave.....	43	450	12	20	525	219	12	5	225				23
57 Springboro.....	25	195	40	19	279	110							9
58 Sulphur Grove....	31	246			277	107	2		55			1	19
59 Union City.....	33	359	16		408	165	5	4	165	1	100	18	53
60 Union Chapel.....	16	114		19	149	61				1	50		5
61 Vandalia.....	48	289	33	49	419	204	6	6	181	1	1000	57	41
62 Waterhouse.....	39	230	20	11	300	170	1		15				20
63 West Elkton.....	55	390	25	9	479	175						25	35
64 West Manchester..	33	347	15	33	428	165	6		96			21	18
65 Wagner Chapel....	12	75	87	33						1	100		7
66 West Middletown..	29	140			169	90		1	10	2	50		5
67 Yorkshire.....	12	42			54	25				1	300	3	1
68 Millville.....	18	49		10	77	31						12	4
69 Mt. Zion.....	16	70	14	14	114	35						14	2
Total.....	2186	18467	1182	1993	23828	10324	242	145	6073	25	2764	956	1662
Totals last year...	2141	17769	1086	2115	22947	10122	212	119	5473	24	2555	799	1112
Increase.....	45	698	96		881	212	30	26	600	1	109	157	550
Decrease.....				122									

	Watchword	Friend for Boys and Girls	Otterbein Teacher	Otterbein Adult Quarterly	Otterbein Senior Quarterly	Otterbein Int. Quarterly	Otterbein Home Dept. Quarterly	Weekly Bible Lesson Leaves	Lessons for our Juniors	Bible Pictures for Little Ones	Lesson Picture Chart	Graded Series Beginners	Graded Series Primary	Graded Series Intermediate	Graded Series Junior	Woman's Evangel
1	20	3		20		10	10	10								7
2	65	40	11		86	32	13	52	20	27	2					26
3	125	60	12	20	150	20	10	75				20	15	20	12	21
4	55	20	11	70	55		8	13				20	15			11
5	100	60	11		250			90				20	35		40	40
6	80	24	7	30	89	59	28	27	32	35	2					15
7	90	75	8	30	85	35	18	50	25	25						
8	180	110	20		300	90	50	50	15	26	3	27	20	23	36	45
9	35	10			60			10		28	1					6
10		110	15		50		70	15		50	1					
11	40	60	9	15			13			20		75				14
12	70	30	10	20	45	25		25	25	35	2					
13	1		13		24			75	60	60	1					1
14		90	15			100	27									
15		95	12	50	50	30	21						60		40	20
16	30	32	11		60	20	8	1	25	15		15	20			5
17	200	100	8	100	200	30	40					60	45	50	120	60
18	115	75	22		100	40	45	25	75			40	65			21
19	225	150	12		300			60				60	95	100	170	110
20	275	75		225	40	50	50					50	75		80	60
21	40	50	10		60	30	25	10				20	40		22	9
22	30	40			40	40		25	30	25		20	20			1
23	100	60	8		125	50		50				94	85			45
24	100	90	25	125	95	50	60	50				90			40	31
25	100		9		145	15	25	25				45	65	60	8	24
26	75		20	50	50	65	25	75		60	2					32
27	35	20	13	30		25	20	70	20							9
28	100	110	14		200	50	48	150				55	100		155	85
29	50	30	15	55	50	35	20			50	1					10
30	15	30	6		25	25	10	20	10	10	2	10				
31	50	40	10	15	80	20	20	30	20	20	1					6
32	135		13		245	10	12	15		30		10	40		10	15
33	125	50	12		175		10	75				25	25		30	28
34	85	40	15	20	100	60	20	25	20	25	1					20
35	11	25	5	30		50	10			21		25	30		20	2
36	40	12	6		81	20	6	15	16	18		10				2
37	120	80	30	225		20	20	70	50	20	2					7
38	110		47		240			25		25	1	25	10			10
39	175	39	31		320	60	8	55	65	12	2	20	12			26
40	50		8	50	150	25		25					10			14
41																
42	60		12	2	45	45	15	60	25							
43	110	120	28		230	20	20	125	50	50	1		35	30	20	25
44	20	55	10		85	10	11	30	22							
45	60	24	13	40	80	40	40	8	15	30						23
46	40	45	12		35		30	100	40	24	1					10
47	115	20	16		225	25	37	30				25	30	37	18	58
48	60		8		45	15	30	30				20	40		21	8
49	40	40	6		100	40			10	10	1					25
50	40	20	9		50	20	20	40	30				20	20	20	40
51	80	60	12	100	100	12	50	25		25						24
52	85	60	18	25	165	40	10		35	35						50
53	20	58	7		180	50			21	22	2					5
54	90	70	13	10	95	60	6	50	10	20		20	20			11
55	57	35	18	25	45	30		27	12		1					1
56	100				40	40	40	40	30			20	50		35	11
57	32	25	5		60	45	40	10	20	22	1					
58	65	57	5		170		3	36	15							
59	90	40	8		130	20	10	30	40	50						19
60	35				70	40		20	20		1					3
61	80		16		232	40				54						25
62	135	20	20	225	40	30						15				1
63	70		25	12	140		15	111		54	2					2
64	70		7	100		10					2					
65	30		6	60				12	12		1					1
66	45	30	5		70	20		45	25	10	1	15				1
67	15	13	24	24	8					15						
68	25		0		30	20		25	10		1					1
69	20		0		30	15	15			12						
	4946	2708	820	1803	6515	1915	1084	2296	110	080	41	916	1082	338	903	1182
	4965	2583	757	2183	5881	2150	1143	2116	94	078	34	841	1089	314	1067	977
		125	63		634			180	15	11	7	65		24	164	205
	19			380		244	59						7			

FIELD OF LABOR	Pastor's Salary Paid by Charge	Missionary Appropriation	Parsonage Rent	Presents Rec'd	Total Received by Pastor	Local Current Expenses	Church and Par- sonage Repair
1 Aley Chapel.....	\$ 200	\$	\$	\$ 3	\$ 203	\$ 21	\$
2 Antioch-Pyrmont...	800			108	908	220	5
3 Arcanum.....	1200		150	180	1550	362	45
4 Beavertown.....	880	120	150	8	1158	200	
5 Brookville.....	1360		240	10	1550	320	122
6 Caylor-Abbottsville	1000		180	42	1222	269	
7 Cherry Grove.....	1000		100	95	1195	200	
8 Clayton.....	1000		100	40	1140	400	35
9 Colerain-Bevis.....	800		75	35	910	160	150
10 Cincinnati-Cheviot.	660	350	212		1222	225	41
11 Clifton.....	694	650	400	25	1769	184	225
12 Mt. Healthy.....	855	145	240	77	1317	171	84
13 Norris Memorial.	550	450	144	50	1194	361	106
14 Willey Memorial.	937	63	225	30	1255	170	93
15 Dayton-Belmont...	1200		50	104	1354	372	150
16 Carrmonte.....	700	200		65	965	155	6
17 Cowden Mem.....	1920			60	1980	1725	
18 East Dayton.....	1440		360	10	1810	950	300
19 Euclid Ave.....	1750				1750	2950	90
20 First Church.....	2850				2850	5607	3435
1 Fairview.....	720	100	180	214	1214	1492	252
2 Fort McKinley...	450	200			650	147	70
3 Hartford St.....	1300		300	25	1625	845	200
4 High St.....	1322	200		30	1552	750	1300
5 Home Ave.....	1000		240	180	1420	638	205
6 Miami Chapel...	1100		300	220	1620	1030	
7 Olivet.....	880	120	300	32	1332	219	57
8 Oak St.....	1700		300		2000	3570	392
9 Troy St.....	624		240	48	912		
10 Drexel.....	200				200	61	8
1 Eaton.....	1200		240	150	1590	460	450
2 Eldorado.....	944		150	185	1279	332	41
3 Germantown.....	1300		200	80	1580	675	750
4 Greenville.....	1400		200	100	1700	232	462
5 Hamilton.....	1000	450		59	1509	465	10
6 Harrison.....	492	200		25	717	180	
7 Ithaca.....	1000		100	40	1140	375	730
8 Lewisburg.....	1100		150	35	1285	395	862
9 Liberty.....	1000		100	20	1120	550	100
10 Lockington.....	900	100	100	75	1175	135	35
1 Maple Park.....	120		80		200	30	
2 Miamisburg.....	1100		200	35	1335		79
3 Middletown.....	1500		300	20	1820	719	190
4 New Hope-Pl. Hill.	865	135	75	85	1160	230	218
5 New Haven.....	1000		100	200	1300	567	
6 Newport.....	1100	200			1300	413	125
7 New Madison.....	1424		150	40	1614	463	212
8 North Bend.....	900	150		12	1062	1167	290
9 Otterbein.....	800		200	84	1084	162	40
10 Otterbein Home...						18	
1 Piqua.....	900	450		154	1504	564	242
2 Potsdam-Phillipsb'g	1000			10	1010	471	586
3 Rossburg.....	740		28	15	783	238	134
4 Rosewood.....	1000		150	250	1400	219	120
5 Springfield-Col. Av.	800	200	180	65	1245	89	
6 Lagonda Ave.....	1500		150	123	1773	643	123
7 Springboro.....	672			15	687	140	
8 Sulphur Grove.....	1000		100	28	1128	231	66
9 Union City.....	1100		200	15	1315	500	93
10 Union Chapel.....	340				340	64	
1 Vandalia.....	1200		125	30	1355	500	</

1	Aley Chapel.....	\$ 200	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 3	\$ 203	\$ 20	\$.....
2	Antioch-Pymont.....	800	.....	.....	108	908	220	5
3	Arcanum.....	1200	.....	150	180	1530	362	45
4	Beavertown.....	880	120	150	8	1158	200	.....
5	Brookville.....	1300	.....	240	10	1500	320	122
6	Caylor-Abbottsville	1000	.....	180	42	1222	269	.....
7	Cherry Grove.....	1000	.....	100	95	1195	200	.....
8	Clayton.....	1000	.....	100	40	1140	400	35
9	Colerain-Bevis.....	800	.....	75	35	910	160	150
10	Cincinnati-Cheviot..	660	350	212	.....	1222	222	41
11	Clifton.....	694	650	400	25	1769	680	225
12	Mt. Healthy.....	855	145	240	77	1317	170	84
13	Norris Memorial.....	550	450	144	50	1194	360	100
14	Willey Memorial.....	937	63	225	30	1255	170	93
15	Dayton-Belmont.....	1200	.....	50	104	1354	372	150
16	Carrmorte.....	700	200	.....	65	965	155	6
17	Cowden Mem.....	1920	.....	.....	60	1980	1725	.....
18	East Dayton.....	1440	.....	360	10	1810	950	300
19	Euclid Ave.....	1750	.....	.....	.....	1750	2950	90
20	First Church.....	2850	.....	.....	.....	2850	5607	3435
21	Fairview.....	720	100	180	214	1214	1492	252
22	Fort McKinley.....	450	200	.....	.....	650	147	70
23	Hartford St.....	1300	.....	300	25	1625	845	200
24	High St.....	1322	200	.....	30	1552	750	1300
25	Home Ave.....	1000	.....	240	180	1420	638	205
26	Miami Chapel.....	1100	.....	300	220	1620	1030	.....
27	Olivet.....	880	120	300	32	1332	219	57
28	Oak St.....	1700	.....	300	.....	2000	3570	392
29	Troy St.....	624	.....	240	48	912	.....	.....
30	Drexel.....	200	.....	.....	.....	200	61	8
31	Eaton.....	1200	.....	240	150	1590	460	450
32	Eldorado.....	944	.....	150	185	1279	332	41
33	Germantown.....	1300	.....	200	80	1580	675	750
34	Greenville.....	1400	.....	200	100	1700	232	462
35	Hamilton.....	1000	450	.....	59	1509	465	10
36	Harrison.....	492	200	.....	25	717	180	.....
37	Ithaca.....	1000	.....	100	40	1140	373	730
38	Lewisburg.....	1100	.....	150	35	1285	395	862
39	Liberty.....	1000	.....	100	20	1120	550	100
40	Lockington.....	900	100	100	75	1175	135	35
41	Maple Park.....	120	.....	80	.....	200	30	.....
42	Miamisburg.....	1100	.....	200	35	1335	.....	79
43	Middletown.....	1500	.....	300	20	1820	719	190
44	New Hope-Pl. Hill..	865	135	75	85	1160	230	218
45	New Haven.....	1000	.....	100	200	1300	567	.....
46	Newport.....	1100	200	.....	.....	1300	413	125
47	New Madison.....	1424	.....	150	40	1614	463	212
48	North Bend.....	900	150	.....	12	1062	1167	290
49	Otterbein.....	800	.....	200	84	1084	162	40
50	Otterbein Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....
51	Piqua.....	900	450	.....	154	1504	564	242
52	Potsdam-Phillipsbg	1000	.....	.....	10	1010	471	586
53	Rosburg.....	740	.....	28	15	783	238	134
54	Rosewood.....	1000	.....	150	250	1400	219	120
55	Springfield-Col. Av.	800	200	180	65	1245	89	.....
56	Lagoda Ave.....	1500	.....	150	123	1773	643	123
57	Springboro.....	672	.....	.....	15	687	140	.....
58	Sulphur Grove.....	1000	.....	100	28	1128	231	66
59	Union City.....	1100	.....	200	15	1315	500	93
60	Union Chapel.....	340	.....	.....	.....	340	64	.....
61	Vandalia.....	1200	.....	125	30	1355	500	.....
62	Waterhouse.....	780	50	.....	80	910	952	.....
63	West Elhton.....	1100	.....	80	100	1280	360	1232
64	West Manchester.....	1000	.....	100	50	1150	299	.....
65	Wagner Chapel.....	450	.....	.....	.....	450	60	10
66	West Middletown.....	1000	.....	180	.....	1180	70	150
67	Yorkshire.....	104	.....	.....	.....	104	35	.....
68	Millville.....	308	.....	.....	12	320	103	.....
69	Mt. Zion.....	90	.....	.....	.....	90	40	.....
Totals.....		\$65261	\$4533	\$8124	\$3889	\$81807	\$37422	\$14721
Totals last year.....		56832	3979	6676	3171	70658	33481	15537
Increase.....		\$8429	\$554	\$1448	\$718	\$10149	\$3941	\$.....
Decrease.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

	For New Church	For New Parsonage	For Local S. S. Purposes	For Local Y. P. S. C. E.	Benevolence Budget Paid	Cont. Church Extension	Special Foreign Missions	Special Home Missions	Special Church Erection
1	\$ 1107	\$.	\$ 25	\$.	\$ 60	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.
2			205	8	402			70	
3	171		440		700			23	
4			188	21	150				
5			341		425			67	5
6			169		250		10	27	
7			190	25	325			50	
8	250		390	35	525			64	
9				15	175				
10	700		155	25	90				
11	1200		260	30	126			36	
12		354	180	15	202		24		
13	943		60		75		6		
14			174	65	175			23	
15		750	210	100	225			78	
16	1276		133	60	75		23	14	
17	130		518	68	750			115	
18	947		360	25	525			636	
19	3408		340	45	1800		442	442	
20			1938		1800		485	480	
21	950		152	9	175			31	
22	505		145	18	85			12	
23		1000	475		500			65	
24	1800		625	145	275			114	
25	120	175	541	11	350			37	
26	1700		184	16	300			10	
27			150	85	150			5	
28	1700		1000	100	1250		752	582	75
29					120				
30	55		83		50			4	
31			280	85	250			13	
32			515		300			19	
33			240		650		350		5
34			248	5	500			40	
35			126	10	185	14	26		
36			115	11	100			26	
37			595		450		40		
38			295	12	475			18	
39			615	18	650		168	67	
40			115		300		23	26	
41			30		25			1	
42	300		208	23	200				
43		4000	447	65	600			162	5
44			195		335			5	
45			140	13	500		500	112	
46			100		180				
47	1427		298	55	450		517	68	
48			210	13	215			25	
49			150	13	575		3022	3106	3022
50	364		117		150			44	
51	3044		260	40	300			60	
52			226		300			60	
53			209		300				
54			260	3	400			51	
55		1093	255	8	200			18	
56	485		374	128	475			11	
57			95		105			1	
58	85		200		235		12		
59			350	12	500				
60			132		125			7	
61		1000	520	28	401			156	
62			200		250			86	
63			35		500			93	
64			215		300				
65			88		120		5		
66			70		250			15	
67			42		30			10	
68			53		75			15	
69			50		25				
	\$22667 26269	\$8372 4206	\$18304 15040	\$1463 1340	\$24091 20930	\$ 14 13	\$6905 7299	\$7280 1434	\$3112 457
	... \$. 3602	\$4166	\$3264	\$123	\$3161	\$ 1	\$ 394	\$5746	\$2655

FIELD OF LABOR

	Special College	Special Bone- brake Seminary	V. P. S. C. E. Offerings (not for Budget)	Jr. & Int. C. E. Offerings (not for Budget)	Brotherhood (not for Budget)	Children's Day (not for Budget)	Special S. S. Work
1 Aley Chapel.....	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.
2 Antioch-Pyrmont.....	10	435					137
3 Arcanum.....		275	46				150
4 Beavertown.....	74	5	25		30	9	
5 Brookville.....	42	175	15	3			19
6 Cayler-Abbotsville.....	50	245					10
7 Cherry Grove.....		120					
8 Clayton.....	647	35					90
9 Colerain-Bevis.....		20					
10 Cincinnati-Cheviot.....		75	18				
11 Clifton.....	100		20	33			10
12 Mt. Healthy.....		189		17		22	
13 Norris Memorial.....	10	30	32	7			1
14 Willey Memorial.....	32	50					
15 Dayton-Belmont.....		50					
16 Carrmonte.....		120	8	10			5
17 Cowden Memorial.....	110	30					25
18 East Dayton.....	250	20		10			12
19 Euclid Ave.....	1100	130	56	6		13	60
20 First Church.....	125		5			25	
21 Fairview.....	25	41			2		
22 Fort McKinley.....		25		10			
23 Hartford St.....		25					
24 High St.....	75	5					
25 Home Ave.....	5		17	5	2		28
26 Miami Chapel.....		20		6			17
27 Olivet.....							
28 Oak St.....	417	30					
29 Troy St.....							
30 Drexel.....		17	5	3		8	10
31 Eaton.....	50	502	110		70		
32 El Dorado.....		52				10	15
33 Germantown.....		35					
34 Greenville.....							
35 Hamilton.....	25	215					
36 Harrison.....		20	6				5
37 Ithaca.....		125					80
38 Lewisburg.....	75	75				1	22
39 Liberty.....							
40 Lockington.....		280					
41 Maple Park.....							
42 Miamisburg.....		12					
43 Middletown.....	325	100				24	
44 New Hope-Pl. Hill.....		190					
45 New Haven.....	200	100	13	3			
46 Newport.....		25					
47 New Madison.....		220				6	
48 North Bend.....	30	60	25	19			12
49 Otterbein.....	55	190	11				100
50 Otterbein Home.....		125	13			3	
51 Piqua.....	100	25				10	
52 Potsdam-Phillipsbg.....		250					
53 Rosburg.....		113					
54 Rosewood.....		322	7	2			
55 Springfield-Col. Ave.....	3		4				
56 Lagonda Ave.....	75	117					
57 Springboro.....						11	
58 Sulphur Grove.....		10					
59 Union City.....	177	194					
60 Union Chapel.....	15						3
61 Vandalia.....		1095					
62 Waterhouse.....		93					
63 West Elkton.....		150	40				
64 West Manchester.....		475					
65 Wagner Chapel.....						3	
66 West Middletown.....	60						
67 Yorkshire.....		30					
68 Millville.....		255					5
69 Mt. Zion.....							
Totals.....	\$1262	\$7662	\$476	\$134	\$104	\$145	\$816
Totals last year.....	3264	25	572	177	137	209	473
Increase.....	\$.	\$7637	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$343
Decrease.....	9002		96	43	33	51	

	W. M. A. Contributions.	Otterbein Guild Contributions	Homes and Orphanages	For Temperance Cause	Evangelistic Work	Bible Cause	Miscellaneous	Special Ministerial Aid	Total for All Purposes	Church Houses
1	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$1415	...
2	314	54	10	31			24	16	2851	2
3	102	69	8	98	70		64	31	4184	1
4	45			13	122			18	2058	1
5	156	15	31	130	56		104	30	3606	1
6			8	33			60	20	2373	2
7				66			26	22	2219	3
8		20	76	33					3740	3
9	22								1452	2
10					15		200	13	2779	1
11	67						6	14	4582	1
12			58	7	5		64		2713	2
13					148		110	11	3093	1
14							18		2055	1
15	107		60				373	24	3853	1
16	6		12				9	14	2891	1
17			21	137	60	40	127	40	5876	1
18	128	68	12	47	35		86	29	6250	1
19	543	128	140	175			742	44	14404	1
20	586	78	155	60	35			24	17688	1
21	40	5	4	32	38		135	20	4617	1
22			5				33	9	1714	1
23	167	79	30	25					5036	1
24	148	58	50	150			35	27	7109	1
25	114		17				258	20	3963	1
26	216	12	11	36			15	22	5215	1
27	7		4	16				22	2047	1
28	1000	100	200	136	75	90	2693	35	16197	1
29					71				1103	1
30			9	3			147	4	667	1
31	25	75	27	75	35		248		4345	1
32				94	143		84	20	2904	2
33	215	17	50	136				30	5239	1
34	124	30					300	26	3667	1
35				23	426		1265		4299	1
36			5				43	14	1242	4
37	81		103	45			40	15	3817	2
38	55		14				25	24	3633	2
39	144		15	200			84	20	3751	4
40	40			54					2183	4
41									286	1
42	23				164		20		2364	1
43	198		52	190			55	36	9006	1
44		18	30				187	19	2569	2
45	238		121	41			102	20	3970	1
46					70			5	2218	1
47	307	94	89	102			625	32	6579	2
48	35		9	30			82	7	3289	2
49	147	18	42	94	220		100		12151	1
50	173		121				42	15	1185	...
51	50		10	54	140		200	18	6621	1
52	185		18				50		3156	2
53	14		10	8	43		26		1908	5
54	25	4	10	40	30		40	20	2963	3
55			20	7			54	16	3012	2
56	112		25	70				20	4431	1
57			16				19	8	1082	3
58			3	39			25	20	2054	2
59	152		26	100			107		3526	1
60	37						20	7	750	1
61	65		31	45			89	13	5298	2
62				50	45		71	14	2671	3
63			18	285	204		27	23	4227	4
64			10	70	125				2644	2
65			12				8	9	765	1
66									1795	2
67							64		315	1
68			8		410		19	11	1274	1
69				20					225	1
	\$6213	\$942	\$1816	\$3100	\$2785	\$130	\$9150	\$971	\$265164	109
	5104	502	913	3795	4014	270	14465	359	250779	108
	\$1109	\$440	\$903	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$612	\$14385	1
				695	1229	140	5315			

FIELD OF LABOR

	Value	Debt	Net Value	Parsonage	Value	Debt	Net Value	Months Employed	Conference Minutes Wanted
1 Aley Chapel.....	\$3277	\$.	\$3277		\$.	\$.	\$.	12	15
2 Antioch-Pyrmont..	9500		9500					12	50
3 Arcanum.....	10000		10000	1	2000		2000	12	35
4 Beavertown.....	10000		10000	1	2000		2000	12	25
5 Brookville.....	10000		10000	1	3000		3000	12	40
6 Cayler-Abbottsville	15000		15000					12	40
7 Cherry Grove.....	9300		9300	1	1730		1730	12	30
8 Clayton.....	7550	200	7350	1	2300		2300	12	60
9 Colerain-Bevis.....	16000		16000	1	2500		2500	12	36
10 Cincinnati-Cheviot	4200	1300	2900	1	4000	1700	2300	12	20
11 Clifton.....	16500	3000	13500	1	8000		8000	12	50
12 Mt. Healthy.....	6291		6291	1	4800	475	4325	12	15
13 Norris Memorial	18000	8505	9495	1	2500	1000	1500	12	20
14 Willey Memorial	7500		7500	1	2000		2000	12	35
15 Dayton-Belmont..	9300	750	8550	1	4300	3000	1300	12	35
16 Carrrmonte.....	7500	1000	6500					12	15
17 Cowden Mem.....	22500	1000	21500					12	50
18 East Dayton.....	20000	7873	12127	1	4500		4500	12	50
19 Euclid Ave.....	75000		75000					12	50
20 First Church.....	110000	4000	106000	1	9000	3000	6000	12	30
21 Fairview.....	14000	5500	8500					12	20
22 Fort McKinley.....	7000	450	6550					12	20
23 Hartford St.....	12000		12000	1	3500	2300	1200	12	40
24 High St.....	32500	8100	24400					12	25
25 Home Ave.....	8000	500	7500	1	3000	825	2175	12	25
26 Miami Chapel.....	25000	14200	10800	2	5000		5000	12	40
27 Olivet.....	7400		7400	1	3500	2900	300	12	25
28 Oak St.....	45750	900	44850	1	4500		4500	12	50
29 Troy St.....	10000	1222	8778	1	4500	1250	3250	12	12
30 Drexel.....	3500	64	3436					12	6
31 Eaton.....	10000		10000	1	3000		3000	12	50
32 Eldorado.....	9500		9500	1	3000	615	2385	12	25
33 Germantown.....	30000		30000	1	4000		4000	12	40
34 Greenville.....	10000		10000	1	4000		4000	12	45
35 Hamilton.....	16000	1850	14150	1	4600	4600		12	25
36 Harrison.....	7000		7000					12	45
37 Ithaca.....	14000		14000	1	2000		2000	12	60
38 Lewisburg.....	9000		9000	1	1800		1800	12	40
39 Liberty.....	26000		26000	1	2000		2000	12	75
40 Lockington.....	10000		10000	1	1200		1200	12	40
41 Maple Park.....	1200		1200					12	10
42 Miamisburg.....	12000	4050	7950	1	3000	2200	800	12	20
43 Middletown.....	14500		14500	1	11500		11500	12	40
44 New Hope-Pl. Hill.	7000		7000	1	600		600	12	30
45 New Haven.....	7000		7000	1	2200		2200	12	25
46 Newport.....	12000		12000	1	1200		1200	12	40
47 New Madison.....	15000		15000	1	1500		1500	12	60
48 North Bend.....	15000	1400	13600					12	40
49 Otterbein.....	10000		10000	1	2000		2000	12	40
50 Otterbein Home.....								12	30
51 Piqua.....	30000	3979	26021	1	5500	4800	700	12	50
52 Pottsdam-Phillipsb	8000		8000	1	2500		2500	12	60
53 Rossburg.....	9000		9000	1	2000		2000	10	25
54 Rosewood.....	8000		8000	1	1500		1500	12	40
55 Springfield-Col.Av.	4200		4200	1	3000	667	2333	12	35
56 Lagonda Av.....	18500	3100	15400	1	2150		2150	12	60
57 Springboro.....	3000		3000	1	1000		1000	12	25
58 Sulphur Grove.....	7000		7000	1	1500		1500	12	50
59 Union City.....	12000		12000	1	3300	150	3150	12	40
60 Union Chapel.....	2000		2000					12	20
61 Vandalia.....	24000		24000	1	5500	4500	1000	12	35
62 Waterhouse.....	6400		6400					10	40
63 West Elkton.....	14700		14700	1	2200		2200	12	60
64 West Manchester..	9500		9500	1	2000		2000	12	50
65 Wagner Chapel.....	10000		10000					12	15
66 West Middletown..	4300		4300	1	2500		2500	12	50
67 Yorkshire.....	700		700					10	10
68 Millville.....	2500		2500					12	10
69 Mt. Zion.....	2000		2000						10
Totals.....	\$963568	\$72943	\$890625	50	\$158900	\$33982	\$124918	810	2429
Totals last year..	937287	105649	831638	44	123850	34868	88982	840	2190
Increase.....	\$26281	\$.	\$58987	6	\$35050	\$.	\$35936		239
Decrease.....		22796				886		30	

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

1. Organizations—Number of churches, 109; number of itinerants, 76; number of local preachers, 19.

2. Membership—Beginning of year, 18,930; received by confession of faith, 1,194; received by letter or transfer, 541; received by change in boundary, 381; total in church during year, 21,046; lost by death, 229; lost by letter and transfer, 452; lost by change in boundary, 284; all other losses, 492; total loss, 1,457; present membership, 19,589; increase, 986; decrease, 327; members under watch-care of church, 126.

3. Societies—Number Y. P. S. C. E. Societies, 66; members in Y. P. S. C. E. Societies, 2,609; number Junior and Intermediate C. E. Societies, 41; members in Junior and Intermediate Societies, 1,229; number Otterbein Brotherhoods, 17; members in Otterbein Brotherhoods, 766; number W. M. A. Societies, 56; members in W. M. A. Societies, 2,229; number Otterbein Guilds, 25; members in Otterbein Guilds, 567.

4. Sunday School—Number Sunday Schools, 110; teachers and officers, 2,186; scholars in main school, 18,467; scholars in Home Department, 1,182; number on Cradle Roll, 1,993; total enrollment, 23,828; average attendance, 10,324; number organized adult classes, 242; number organized classes (ages 12-20), 145; scholars in organized adult classes, 6,073; Sunday school libraries, 25; Volumes in libraries, 2,764; added to the church from the Sunday school, 956.

5. Literature—Religious Telescope, 1,662; Watchword, 4,946; Friend for Boys and Girls, 2,708; Otterbein Teacher, 820; Otterbein Adult Quarterly, 1,803; Otterbein Senior Quarterly, 6,515; Otterbein Intermediate Quarterly, 1,915; Otterbein Home Department Quarterly, 1,084; Weekly Bible Lesson Leaves, 2,296; Lessons for our Juniors, 1,104; Bible Pictures for Little Ones, 1,089; Lesson Picture Chart, 41; Graded Series, Beginner, 916, Primary, 1,082, Intermediate, 338, Junior, 903; Woman's Evangel, 1,182.

5. Finances—Pastor's salary paid by charge, \$65,261; Missionary appropriation, \$4,533; parsonage rent, \$8,124; presents re-

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ceived, \$3,889; total pastors' salary, \$81,807; conference superintendent's salary, included in benevolence budget, \$2,500; local current expenses, \$37,422; church and parsonage repair, \$14,721; for new church, \$22,667; for new parsonage, \$8,372; for local Sunday School purposes, \$18,304; for local Y. P. S. C. E. expenses, \$1,463; benevolence budget, \$24,091; conference budget, included above; conference church extension, \$14; special foreign missions, \$6,905; special home missions, \$7,280; special church erection, \$3,112; special college, \$4,262; special Bonebrake Seminary, \$7,662; Y. P. S. C. E. offerings (not for budget), \$476; Junior and Intermediate C. E. offerings (not for budget), \$134; Brotherhood (not for budget), \$104; children's day (not for budget), \$145; special Sunday School work, \$816; W. M. A. contributions, \$6,213; Otterbein Guild contributions, \$942; home and orphanages, \$1,816; for temperance cause, \$3,100; evangelistic work, \$2,785; Bible cause, \$130; miscellaneous, \$9,150; special preachers' aid, \$971; total for all purposes, \$265,164.

7. Property—Church houses, 109; built this year, value, \$963,568; debt, \$72,943; net value, \$890,625; parsonages, 50; value, \$158,900; debt, \$33,982; net value, \$124,918.

8. Miscellaneous—Months employed, 810; conference minutes wanted, 2,429.

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[OFFICIAL RECORD.]

The One Hundred and Tenth session of the Miami Annual Conference convened in the Euclid Avenue Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Dayton, Ohio, Wednesday, August 27, 1919, at 9:30 a. m., with Bishop George M. Mathews, D.D., presiding.

After an organ prelude by the organist, Mrs. Funkhouser, the Bishop called the conference to order.

Superintendent Rev. A. R. Clippinger, D.D., announced that the audience would sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," which was led by Rev. W. I. Underwood, who had been selected as the conference chorister.

The Bishop read a part of the third chapter of Colossians and called upon Bishop A. T. Howard, D.D., to lead in prayer, which was done in an earnest, comprehensive, tender manner.

An unusually large number of ministers and delegates were present for the opening exercises, and joined heartily in singing No. 145 in the Sanctuary Hymnal.

Superintendent A. R. Clippinger, D.D., in a few well chosen words spoke of the fact that our Bishop was a product of this conference, and had served both in the pastorate and as superintendent, and that he is now serving his nineteenth year in the Bishoprick.

The Bishop then delivered his Episcopal address on "The Trumpet Call to the Church," as follows: (See No. 3.)

The first eight rows of pews were constituted the bar of the conference by vote.

Rev. George Jacobi, LeRoy Smelker and R. H. Le Fever were appointed as the conference librarians, and distributed the programs that had been arranged by the Bishop and the Superintendent.

The following brethren were appointed to correspond for the various city papers within the bounds of the conference, as follows: Dayton, J. H. Dutton; Springfield, W. C. Niswonger; Cin-

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cinnati, E. R. Turner; Hamilton, M. P. Kindred; Greenville, S. E. Rasey.

Dr. Dunham, superintendent of the Dayton district of the West Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the body and spoke especially on the "Need of a Better Paid Ministry."

The average salary on the Dayton district is nearly \$1,500.00, and the minimum for all pastors giving full time is \$1,100.00 and parsonage, which is far too meager, when a mechanic or shopman, with no education, is making from \$200.00 to \$500.00 more per year, and with shorter hours.

He gave instances where ministers were sacrificing greatly financially to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The roll of ministers and lay delegates was called. The Bishop read the committees for the various departments of the conference business. (See No. 1.)

Rev. C. W. Snyder read the report on publishing interests.

Pending the adoption of the report, Dr. W. R. Funk addressed the conference in an earnest, optimistic manner and went over the report of the pastors in detail in regard to the number of Telescope subscribers secured on the various charges.

The report was approved by vote. (See No. 4.)

Rev. E. S. Comrey secured the banner for the largest per cent. of subscribers per capita, and Rev. W. T. Frank secured the banner for the largest list secured in the conference. (See No. 5 and No. 6.)

Badges were given to the following pastors who had reached their quota according to the 50,000 standard set for 1920: Revs. E. S. Comrey, J. A. Robinson, W. M. VanSickle, J. R. King, A. Dunkelberger, J. H. Mayne and W. T. Frank. Announcements were made as to the time and place of committee meetings, and adjournment was had with the benediction by Rev. C. W. Miller.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened by the Bishop calling the conference to order at 1:30 p. m. by singing. Dr. J. G. Huber, Rev. H. A. Sechrist and Rev. J. W. Kilbourne led in prayer. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Kilbourne who spoke in an

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impassioned manner on "The Place of Prayer in the Life of the Minister." (See No. 7.) Dr. G. A. Funkhouser led in prayer.

Revs. C. A. Lynch, R. H. LeFever, E. E. Johnson, J. A. Robinson, LeRoy Smelker, C. B. Weaver, M. A. Wagner, F. W. May, E. L. Smith, F. W. Pontius, J. W. Owen, D.D., W. O. Fries, D.D., and A. W. Drury, D.D., were introduced to the conference and invited to sit with us.

Revs. G. T. Powell and W. C. Niswonger were chosen to visit Brother T. F. Bushong who was reported ill, and to express to this dear brother the sympathy of the conference with him in his affliction.

The roll of the superannuated, supernumerary, local ministers and deaconesses was called, and letters were read from W. I. Comfort, Jacob Sipe. A. E. Bittner, H. A. Bovey, E. H. Caylor, Dr. J. P. Landis, Ruth E. Hemphill and R. P. Dougherty.

Addresses were made by E. W. Bowers, M. R. Geyer, C. W. Miller and J. P. Stewart.

The Conference Quartet, composed of Revs. J. M. Replogle, O. F. Bilger, W. T. Frank and N. D. Bevis, rendered "Come Unto Me and I Will Give You Rest." Treasurer L. O. Miller expressed a desire that all pastors who had not reported to him, do so at once. Only six reports were yet out. All reporting thus far reported their full apportionment.

Supt. A. R. Clippinger, D.D., read his report. (See No. 8.) It was such a fine report that all arose and sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Bishop Mathews introduced Mayor Switzer, of Dayton, in a happy manner, and the Mayor delivered a strong address on the subject, "Some Christian Principles Essential to a Better World-Order." Frequent, hearty applause greeted the speaker as he proceeded. (See No. 9.)

Rev. J. A. Pantle recited "He's the Man That Delivers the Goods," with happy effect.

The quartet sang "Onward and Upward," receiving loud applause.

J. G. Huber introduced a resolution, seconded by Chas. J. Hall, that was unanimously passed. (See No. 10.)

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Conference Evangelist C. V. Roop's great report was read by the secretary, both for the past year and for the past five years. (See No. 11.)

Rev. O. O. Arnold read the report of the Evangelistic Committee. The report was approved. (See No. 12.)

Rev. W. C. Andreas read the report on Evangelism, and it was approved. (See No. 13.)

The report of the Conference Board of Trustees was read by Dr. W. H. Klinefelter, and it was approved by vote. (See No. 14.)

The recommendations of the Conference Superintendent were referred to the Committee on Boundary and Finance.

Chas. J. Hall read a partial report of the Committee on Boundary and Finance, and it was adopted without change. (See No. 15.)

The following were appointed as tellers to count the vote for Conference Superintendent: B. S. McClure, F. A. Latche, F. T. Helwagen and J. A. Gordon.

The vote for superintendent was taken.

Announcements were made by Supt. Clippinger and Dr. Klinefelter.

The tellers reported the election of Rev. A. R. Clippinger, D.D., as Superintendent by an almost unanimous vote.

Statistical Secretary E. E. Saul asked that the few remaining reports still out be handed to him at once.

Dr. Oldt, returned medical missionary from China, was introduced and spoke very briefly.

The conference adjourned with the closing prayer by Bishop A. T. Howard, D.D.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference convened at 9 o'clock with Bishop Mathews in the chair. The opening hymn was "Come and Reign Over Us."

Revs. E. P. Huddle and H. A. Clark led in prayer. Before beginning his address on "The Family Altar," Rev. J. L. Armstrong led us at a throne of Grace, and then read a part of fifth chapter of Matt. The address was extemporaneous and fervent. (See No. 16.) Not received.

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The quartet rendered "Take Your Place in the Fighting line," receiving hearty applause. Dr. J. G. Huber made a plea that all members of the conference should sit within the bar.

Peter Quartel, superintendent of the City Mission, sang very feelingly and received hearty applause.

The Bishop asked the conference to rise while Dr. Dutton led us in prayer. Rev. S. L. Brill, who graduated from the Seminary last May, had appeared before the Committees on Course of Reading, and was referred to the Committee on Elders' Orders.

Rev. J. E. Yingling read the report on Home Missions and it was approved by vote. (See No. 16a.)

Rev. J. M. Replogle read the report on Conference Relations. After amendment and discussion it was adopted. (See No. 17.)

Rev. Calvin McNelly read the report of the Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading. The report was adopted by vote. (See No. 18.)

Rev. S. E. Rasey read the report on Foreign Missions and it was approved. (See No. 19.)

Rev. J. W. Semrau, pastor of the Otterbein Church, Dayton, was introduced to the conference, as was also Rev. J. W. Miles, Anti-Saloon League Superintendent of the Dayton district, who spoke briefly to the conference on the importance of winning the fight this fall.

Rev. Ivory Zimmerman read the report on Church Erection and it was accepted by vote. (See No. 20.)

Rev. P. M. Camp, D.D., General Home Mission Secretary, was introduced and voted the usual courtesies.

Rev. J. M. Replogle read a resolution which was adopted by vote. (See No. 21.)

Rev. W. I. Comfort's name was referred to the Educational Beneficiary Board for the coming year.

Rev. W. L. Bunger, pastor of the Lyndale Congregational Church of Minneapolis, Minn., was voted the courtesies of the conference, and spoke in a sweet fraternal spirit. His face looks good to us still.

Rev. C. E. Plack made a statement in reference to the seats of the conference tabernacle, and promised to look after a possible sale.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

After a beautiful organ voluntary by Mrs. Funkhouser, the audience joined in singing, "I'm Here on Business for the King." Revs. C. W. Stephens and L. M. Hohn sought the divine blessing of God upon us in prayer.

"Revive Us Again," was sung with spirit.

"Moses, the Practical Man," was the theme of an address by J. H. Dutton, D.D. He read from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, 23-25, and gave us a fine presentation of the truth that while Moses was a practical man, he was 'also a divinely spiritual man. (See No. 22.) Not received.

Supt. Clippinger, Revs. Weimer, Mayne and Geyer led us in audible prayer. After spending a short time in silent prayer, Dr. Dutton led also, seeking the blessing of Jehovah on all our pastors and people.

Chaplain Gibson of the National Military Home was introduced to the conference and granted a seat among us. He spoke briefly.

Rev. C. W. Brewbaker, D.D., General Sunday School Secretary; Rev. M. E. Gibson, Chaplain, Camp Sherman; President W. G. Clippinger, and Rev. F. H. Engle were introduced to the conference and given advisory seats.

Just at this juncture Father W. J. Shuey, D.D., was brought into the church in his wheel chair, and carried to the platform by several brethren. Softly the audience sang "Best Be the Tie," as they stood.

With great effort the aged saint spoke to the conference, telling us he was born in Miamisburg 92 years and six months ago. Soon after this his parents moved to the country where he was taught the art of farming.

When he was 16 years old, Rev. Benjamin Wheat came into the community and held a revival service in an old log house, and he was one of the number won to the Savior. The impression came to him that he must preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, so he was given a license, and at the age of 22 was assigned to the Lewisburg charge, consisting of about ten appointments. Many souls were converted in the revival services he held, which constrained him to consecrate himself to the service of his Master for life.

Ever since he has been obedient to the Master's call.

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Six years were spent as pastor in Cincinnati, and from there he was called to take charge of the publishing house in Dayton, where he continued for almost half an ordinary lifetime, bringing the institution from insignificance to a place of influence and power, in the religious life of the church and world. "What I have done has been at the call of the Church," said he. At the beginning he decided that he would obey the call of God and the Church, "and as I look back, I can say: 'I have done what I could.' I have found," said he, "that it is best for the preacher to give himself *wholly* to the ministry of the word. Go where you are *sent*, seeking only to honor the Master. I pray for your success, whether I know you or not, that you may be successful in winning souls to Jesus Christ. Give yourselves wholly to the work committed to your care. Do not listen to the lure of the world, to make money in some secular calling, if God has called you to preach his word."

"Shall We Gather at the River," was sung.

Superintendent Clippinger led in a tender prayer for the blessing of God on this aged saint come back from near the gates of eternity to bring us this message.

The quartet sang "I Shall See Him," in a way that brought tears to many eyes.

Rev. C. W. Stephens read the report of the Committee on Elders' Orders. The disciplinary questions were asked by the Bishop, and answered in the affirmative. The report was adopted by vote. (See No. 23.)

Rev. W. I. Underwood read the report on Sunday schools, and it was adopted. (See No. 24.)

General Secretary Dr. C. W. Brewbaker spoke, saying that 23,000 unsaved people are under the influence of the church in this conference, and more than 1,000,000 in the whole church, that we must reach for Christ. There is enough material at hand to *double the number* in our Sunday schools. (See No. 25.)

Miss Ella Hamilton, Elementary Superintendent, read her report and spoke briefly, yet *pointedly*, to the pastors and laymen of the importance of this department of Sunday school work. Her report was adopted. (See No. 25a.)

Miss Koontz, General Elementary Superintendent, spoke of the "Importance of Ministerial Leadership." \$28.00 per capita is

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spent for *secular* education, and but 47 cents for *religious education*. The report was adopted.

Rev. E. S. Comrey, President of our Conference Union, read the report on Christian Endeavor Union, interspersing the reading with some stirring comments. (See No. 26.)

Rev. M. W. Mumma read a voluminous report on Christian Education. (See No. 27.)

President W. G. Clippinger, D.D., gave a report of the internal working at our Otterbein College for the past year. We were gratified to learn that more than half of the amount pledged in last year's campaign has already been paid in. The report was adopted. (See No. 28.)

Rev. J. W. Kilbourne read the report on Christian Stewardship. The report was approved by vote. (See No. 29.)

After announcements, the conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Funkhouser.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION

After an organ prelude the Bishop called the conference to order. The audience united in singing No. 14. Then the Bishop asked that "Revive Us Again," be sung, and it was done in a spirited manner.

Brother Kalter and Rev. G. A. Wahl directed our thoughts toward the throne in prayer. "For You I Am Praying," was sung.

Bishop Howard read a part of the 42d chapter of Isaiah, beginning with the tenth verse to the close of the chapter.

Atty. W. S. Kessler, of Arcanum, gave the devotional address on the subject, "The Challenge of the New Era to the Christian Church." The address was timely and forceful. (See No. 30.) Not received.

Dr. J. F. Boyce, pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church of Dayton, was introduced to the conference and spoke a few words of greeting in a happy vein, saying that if he were not a Presbyterian—which he has been for 300 years by the record—he should want to be a United Brethren.

The Bishop introduced the Middletown male quartet, and they gave us "Be Strong," receiving applause, generously.

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"Sacrifice the Price of Success," was the subject of Bishop Mathews' address. (See No. 31.) Not received.

The pastor, Rev. W. T. Frank, joined his quartet and they sang, "Rock of Ages," receiving hearty applause.

Bishop A. T. Howard spoke on "The Waiting Harvest," very forcefully. (See No. 32.)

Following the address of Bishop Howard, the Conference Quartet sang, "Sweeter as the Years Go By."

"The Church and the Need in the Home Field," was the subject of General Home Missionary Secretary P. M. Camp's great address. (See No. 33.) Not received.

"Luther's Battle Hymn," No. 114, was sung.

Rev. E. E. Burtner, D.D., college pastor of Westerville, and Rev. Wallin Riebel, of S. E. Ohio Conference, were introduced to the conference, and given the usual courtesies.

"The Call for Leadership," was the subject of Dr. Burtner's forceful address. (See No. 34.) Not received.

Announcements were made by Supt. Clippinger.

The conference adjourned on motion with the benediction by Rev. D. Berger, D.D.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

As soon as possible after dinner the laymen gathered for a special meeting, at the call of Dr. Clippinger and Bishop Mathews.

Superintendent Clippinger spoke optimistically of the outlook for the future, urging all to fall in line and go forward, no matter what may be in the way. For victory must be achieved in the name of our Christ.

Go back to your churches determined to win, even if your wishes have not all been gratified, either by the Boundary and Finance Committee, or the Stationing Committee. Set your stakes for longer pastorates.

If you are not satisfied with the pastor assigned you, don't be critical. Determine to pray for your pastor and church, and help him make things work out right. You are the "key men" from the churches of the whole conference, and you can bring success to the cause of Christ if you will work, pray and pay.

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Bishop Mathews spoke of the fact that all must sacrifice, even the general officers of the church, these days have a struggle to make their salaries reach, when in some of the cities, just house-rent is \$100.00 per month. Do your best to give your pastor a living salary. Pray for your pastor and help him all you can, for he needs it, and the work can not succeed unless there is a spirit of cooperation. Do not criticise your pastor, for he is human like yourself; nor his wife, even if she is not as *sociable* as you think she ought to be. Remember, the ministers have done what you have not done, they have put themselves in our hands with the promise to go where we may send them. Would you consent to do that?

Accept the man we send you as the best possible for us to give you, facing the conditions that prevail. Let the spirit of Christ rule your hearts and lives in all you do and say.

At 1:30 the regular program was taken up. "God Will Take Care of You," was sung.

Bishop Mathews spoke tenderly of the presence of our oldest living editor, Dr. Daniel Berger. Others helped him to the rostrum and he spoke briefly, saying that though the body was infirm the spirit was strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. Although he does not hear a word of testimony or of prayer, or sermon, he enjoys the fellowship of God's people in both the mid-week and Sabbath services. An example, surely, for others.

He spoke of the growing joy he has in reading the word and the current periodicals of the day. The word reveals to him eternal verities.

The Home Avenue Quartet sang, "Go Through the Gate." Receiving persistent applause, they responded with, "The Lord Come Tricklin' Down."

Rev. Frederick F. Reade, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, was introduced and spoke for five minutes on the need of recognizing the King-ship of Jesus Christ in the constitution of the United States. There can be no neutrality, we are either for or against Him. A movement is now on in Congress to amend the Constitution by giving the name of Jehovah and our Savior proper recognition therein.

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Dr. Schell spoke just a few words as he was leaving for another conference. Prof. Roy Conover, of Springfield, gave the devotional address on the subject, "A Workman That Need Not Be Ashamed." (See No. 35.) Not received.

Dr. A. C. Siddall, General Church Election Secretary, spoke on "The Aims of the United Enlistment Movement." (See No. 36.)

The Conference Quartet sang "I am Listening to the Savior's Voice."

"The Stewardship of Life and Property," was the subject of Dr. O. T. Deever's stirring address. (See No. 37.) Not received.

Peter Quartel sang, "Think of Him," very effectively.

Supt. A. R. Clippinger spoke on "Adequate Organization." (See No. 38.) Not received.

The Middletown Quartet rendered very effectively, "Jesus is Interceding."

At the suggestion of the Bishop, Brother H. C. Cridland led us in prayer for God's blessing upon Dr. Hough in his arduous task of leading this church in the great "United Enlistment Movement."

Dr. Hough followed with an impassioned address on "Intercession the Key to Victory." He said: "The opportunity of a life-time must be accepted during the life-time of the opportunity. God is giving us marvelous opportunities in these great transition days. No one of us has gotten a vision of the bigness of the task before the church.

"The surveys will reveal something of the magnitude of God's plan for us as a denomination. This information must be passed to the very last member of this church of ours. Every last soldier must get his orders before the great charge is made. We must get every one in contact with the truth. God is your partner, make your plans large."

He congratulated Miami Conference that it is keeping step with God. Every charge having "gone over the top," in meeting the apportionment.

We must have close organization, and every pastor must keep his finger on the work of his church. Never take anything for granted.

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In the matter of intercession, remember "that he that asketh, receiveth." We are to make the test of the Stewardship of life. Before Christ fed the multitudes he spent the night in intercession that the Father would name his helpers. He wants us to come apart with Him, to get ready for the supreme test. Christ won His fight against sin; let Him lead you now.

With Christ's help *we* can win the battle if God can do it. God wants every one of his followers to come into the heritage provided for him. Remember, "Through Christ I can do all things."

Bishop Mathews led the audience in a mighty prayer of faith as we all got upon our knees. This was a great moment of inspiration.

Supt. Clippinger was exuberant because of the victory of the day and year. Announcements were made by Bishop Howard that 196 stewardship cards had been turned in already.

The Home Avenue Quartet sang, "Quit You Like Men."

Adjourned with the benediction by Col. Robert Cowden.

SATURDAY—FORENOON SESSION

After an organ recital of twenty minutes, the audience joined in singing No. 385. At this juncture the conference went to the front of the church that a picture of the conference might be taken by the Herald photographer. On returning to the room, the Bishop called the conference to order, and Rev. J. H. Mayne led in prayer.

Revs. J. A. Pantle and W. I. Underwood were named by the Bishop as a committee to solicit the members of the conference for money with which to furnish the Otterbein Home Band a free dinner. They reported that after furnishing dinner, they had given the boys and girls a treat of ice cream and cake and had \$6.24 left, which was donated for the expenses of the band. (See No. 38a.)

Rev. Charles E. Plack read a fine paper on "David, Israel's Greatest King." (See No. 39.)

Revs. W. C. Niswonger, M. I. Comfort, O. O. Arnold, and J. H. Dutton were announced as the Seminary Extension Committee for the next year.

Colonel Robert Cowden, National Chaplain of the Gideons, was granted a few minutes to speak of their work and aims.

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He is recognized as the nestor of the Sunday school work in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and bears the great distinction of having been in the work the longest of any man now living. He told us that women and preachers, good as they are, can not get into their order. The former because of their sex, and the latter because of their profession. They have three classes of membership; regular membership, costing \$3.00 per year; sustaining and associate membership, both costing \$5.00 per year. They have no paid officers except two organizers who give all their time to the work. The work of the Gideon's is supplementary to the work of the church, and every church ought to make its pastor an associate member. 200,000 Bibles have been placed in the hotels of this country, but there still are 2,000,000 rooms unsupplied, so that our task is not one-fourth done. Many cases were spoken of where men and women had been saved from lives of sin by reading the Bibles found in their rooms.

The report of the Committee on First Year's Course of Reading was read by Rev. L. M. Hohn and adopted by vote. (See No. 40.)

Rev. W. C. Niswonger read the report of the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry. It was approved. (See No. 41.)

Rev. J. A. Pantle made a statement in reference to the memorial service on Sunday afternoon.

The conference recommended the name of Rev. E. Haer to the General Evangelistic Commission for permission to conduct evangelistic services where he may have calls to do so.

L. O. Miller, Conference Treasurer, read his annual report and it was approved by vote. (See No. 42.)

A resolution was offered by Rev. E. E. Saul, and after discussion by Superintendent Clippinger, L. O. Miller and Rev. E. E. Saul, it was voted that the full amount asked for by the General Conference be apportioned to the charges, and that the full amount apportioned this year shall be paid to the General Treasurer.

Mrs. Harry Vance, of Greenville, brought the greetings of the Miami Branch, W. M. A., in a very happy, forcible manner. (See No. 43.)

Rev. C. W. Snyder introduced a resolution which was approved. (See No. 44.)

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Rev. G. W. Bunton, pastor of Grace M. E. Church, Dayton, and Rev. W. J. Dunham, D.D., Superintendent of the Dayton District of the West Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, brought greetings in a very happy vein. While they made no plea for organic union, they believe in closer co-operation in many villages and country places where two or more weak churches might be united and make a strong force for the dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Frank Marston, D.D., Superintendent of the Cincinnati District of the American Bible Society, was introduced to the conference, and was given five minutes to speak to us about the great need of distributing the scriptures in all parts of the world. About 35,000,000 copies are being issued each year. More than 7,000,000 were given to the soldiers in Europe and America in the last two years. He requested that the last Sunday in November be set apart as Bible Sunday, and asked that an offering be taken for this work.

At this time the partition separating the Sunday school rooms from the auditorium was raised disclosing the Otterbein Home Band of forty-three members, led by Rev. O. F. Bilger, and they proceeded to discourse some very fine music. It is really marvelous what they can do, when the ages of the youngsters, and the time they have been practicing is taken into consideration. (See No. 45.)

Rev. E. S. Weimer introduced a resolution in reference to the American Bible Society, and it was adopted. (See No. 46.)

After announcements the conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. G. W. Bunston.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:15 the Otterbein Home Band gave a concert lasting half an hour to the delight of the large audience present.

"Revive Us Again," was sung at the suggestion of Bishop Mathews.

Rev. J. L. Urich gave a fine presentation of the theme, "How Can We Enrich Our Sabbaths?" (See No. 47.) Not received.

It was voted that the Bishop and Supt. Clippinger appoint fraternal delegates to the West Ohio Conference of the Methodist

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Episcopal Church, meeting in Findlay, Ohio, September 3 to 10. Rev. J. G. Huber, D.D., and Rev. W. M. VanSickle were chosen to bear the greetings of the conference.

The vote for conference officers for the ensuing year was taken.

Dr. J. G. Huber spoke of the fact that Dr. Morgan, the great London preacher, has promised to come to Dayton, possibly before Christmas, and urged that all the ministers should come to hear him, and promised to entertain as many of the pastors in his home as he could accommodate, free, and urged others to do likewise.

Rev. T. F. Bushong, who has been in poor health for some time, came into the room, aided by his wife and daughter, and was called on to speak. He did so with great effort, saying: "There are many things that I do not know, but there is one thing I do know and that is that my Redeemer liveth, and that He is my Savior. He has gone to prepare a mansion for me. Ever since I put my hand in His, He has led me safely, and I can trust Him to lead me to the end, not far away. Lift up Jesus Christ, for he said, 'I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.' Brethren, I pray for you, and hope to meet you on that 'beautiful shore, bye and bye.'"

"In the Sweet Bye and Bye," was sung in subdued tones, as many eyes were suffused with tears, as this brother, feeble in body, but strong in faith, was led from the room to a waiting automobile.

Rev. C. W. Miller made a few very touching remarks in reference to their Christian fellowship in the ministry.

Rev. O. D. Wellbaum read the report on "The Christian Home." (See No. 48.)

Dr. J. R. King spoke of the deep appreciation of the Trustees, Mrs. King and himself, for the Christmas offering and various offerings of food and clothing and supplies for the different departments of the Otterbein Home.

The Board of Tellers announced the result of the vote for conference officers for next year. (See No. 49.)

The band rendered a selection and as an encore gave us a sacred medley to the delight of all.

Rev. O. D. Wellbaum offered an additional resolution to be incorporated in his paper, previously read, and it was approved.

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The report on Seminary Extension was read by Rev. Clarence Smith, and was adopted by vote. (See No. 50.)

Dr. Funkhouser spoke on the work of Seminary Extension, emphasizing the need of Bible study, urging the pastors to "preach the Word."

Dr. J. H. Dutton spoke of his delightful experience during the past year in expository preaching. Revs. C. B. Boda, M. I. Comfort and Dr. W. H. Klinefelter added their testimony as to the desirability of expository study and preaching. The report was adopted by unanimous vote. (See No. 51.)

Dr. Funkhouser's letter to the conference was read. (See No. 52.)

Rev. H. A. Bovey, one of the "Fathers in Israel," was brought to the front, and spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation for the privilege of being in the conference, notwithstanding he did not hear a word that had been spoken. The fellowship and spirit of the conference was uplifting to him.

The full report of the Committee on Boundary and Finance, to which a great deal of time, discussion and intense interest had been given by the full board, was read by Charles J. Hall, and approved as read. (See No. 53.)

The recommendation of Supt. Clippinger in reference to the Clifton and Cheviot, Cincinnati churches, was submitted as a special resolution and adopted unanimously. (See No. 54.)

The report of the Committee on Policy was read by Dr. W. H. Klinefelter, and after amendment and discussion, approved by vote. (See No. 55.)

A resolution in reference to Chaplain Hughes was read and approved by unanimous vote. (See No. 56.)

Rev. O. O. Arnold read the report of the Treasurer of the Evangelistic Committee. The report was adopted. (See No. 57.)

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. W. H. Smelker, and adopted. (See No. 58.)

Rev. J. W. Kilbourne introduced a special resolution and it was adopted. (See No. 59.)

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Rev. E. R. Turner, and the report was heartily approved. (See No. 60.)

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Rev. W. T. Frank was chosen as the representative of the Conference to the next branch meeting of the Women's Missionary Association.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved. (See No. 61.)

It was voted that the Conference Treasurer be authorized to pay the traveling expenses of the Middletown Quartet in their attendance upon the conference, and that he also be authorized to pay each member of the Conference Quartet \$5.00 to defray their expense of travel and music purchased. A vote of thanks was extended to Home Avenue, the Middletown and the Conference Quartets for the very satisfactory service given during the session of the conference.

The printing of the minutes was left in the hands of the secretaries, in conjunction with the Conference Superintendent, as already planned.

An unusual responsibility was put upon the Recording Secretary by dispensing with the usual reading of the minutes for Friday and Saturday. The confidence is appreciated, but not the responsibility for accuracy in the midst of such a rush as is always incident to the closing hours of such a great conference.

On motion the conference adjourned with the final benediction by Bishop A. T. Howard, D.D.

G. M. MATHEWS, D.D.,
Bishop.

W. M. VANSICKLE,
Recording Secretary.

E. E. SAUL,
Statistical Secretary.

EVENING SERVICES

Wednesday evening was observed as Communion Service, with the following program:

Invocation—Bishop G. M. Mathews, D.D.

Scripture Lesson—Rev. G. T. Powell.

Prayer—Rev. J. G. Huber, D.D.

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Rev. C. I. B. Brane, D.D., Associate Editor of the "Telescope," delivered a very appropriate sermon founded on I. Cor. 1:23, "We preach Christ crucified." (See No. 68.)

Supt. Clippinger was in charge of the administration of the elements and was assisted by Revs. S. E. Rasey, J. M. Replogle, W. T. Frank, M. W. Mumma, W. H. Smelker, G. T. Powell, J. A. Pantle, O. F. Bilger, C. W. Snyder, M. I. Comfort and J. P. Hendrix. The entire service was very impressive and helpful to the large audience participating.

THURSDAY EVENING

Thursday evening was Educational evening, with the following program:

Rev. C. W. Snyder, presiding.

Prayer of Invocation—Rev. Fred L. Dennis, the new pastor of the Euclid Avenue Church.

After the song service, Rev. W. E. Schell, D.D., spoke on "The Christian College in the New Age." (See No. 64.)

Pres. W. G. Clippinger, D.D., spoke on "Otterbein College and Its Relation to the Church." (See No. 28.)

"Bonebrake Seminary, the Church's Greatest Asset," was the theme discussed by Prof. W. A. Webber, D.D. (See No. 63.)

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Dr. L. C. Weimer presided, and in his introductory remarks spoke in his usual optimistic manner of the generally hopeful outlook for the Church in this day of opportunity.

The opening prayer was made by Webb T. Gilbert, followed by special music by the local church choir.

C. W. Brewbaker spoke on "Spiritual Life and Evangelism." (See No. 25.)

The Home Avenue Quartet sang a selection.

"Inter-church Co-operation in Ohio," was the theme of Rev. B. F. Lamb, D.D. (See No. 62.)

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Rev. G. A. Wahl presided on Saturday evening.

After the opening exercises the Chairman introduced Dr. H. F. Shupe, Editor of the "Watchword," the best denominational young people's paper published in this country, who spoke in his usual forceful manner.

S. A. Probst spoke on "Booze, Brewers and Bolsheviki." (See No. 65.)

The musical part of the program was rendered by a mixed quartet of the Euclid Avenue Church in a very satisfactory manner.

A very hard rain storm came on just before time for the service to begin diminished the size of the audience somewhat from the usual large attendance.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Sunday school convened at 9:15, and in the absence of Supt. W. A. Webber was directed by Webb Gilbert, Associate Superintendent. A large number of visitors were present and grouped into classes in the auditorium, being taught by volunteers, both laymen and ministers.

The Bishop had a great audience before him at 10:30 when Supt. A. R. Clippinger took charge of the opening exercises.

The Bishop discoursed as follows. Not received.

At the close of the sermon, the Bishop, assisted by Dr. Clippinger and Rev. G. T. Powell, conducted the ordination of S. L. Brill, to the office of an elder in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, conferring upon him the authority to preach the Word and administer the ordinances. In accordance with the action of conference, LeRoy Smelker was given license to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The report of the Stationing Committee was read at the close of the service, and revealed the fact that nearly one-third of the congregations are to see new faces and hear new voices from the pulpits of the conference for the next year.

Time alone will reveal the wisdom of the assignments made. If every pastor were to go to the field assigned with faith in God, and receiving the prayerful co-operation of the people, victory would come to the cause of Christ almost invariably.

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If these conditions do not prevail, the Stationing Committee will likely be censured. With the impetus of this, the greatest in most respects of any of the thirty conferences attended by the writer, next year ought to be the "best yet."

The memorial service was held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, directed by Rev. J. A. Pantle, who read a paper of a general nature.

In memory of Mrs. C. W. Stephens, Rev. W. C. Andreas read an obituary and spoke of her public life as a pastor's wife, indicating that she was greatly interested in the work of the church where ever her husband was pastor. Many persons have been led into the kingdom by her prayers and sympathetic interest in their spiritual welfare.

Rev. W. M. VanSickle spoke of her home life. She was a real mother, and deeply solicitous about the welfare of her children after they had established homes of their own, and desirous that their spiritual lives should be developed until they shall become full-grown Christians. As a home-maker she was hard to excel. No matter how humble the building, nor how meager the furnishings, she would have made it home for her own loved ones. She was a woman of taste, and scrupulously clean, whose life was above reproach in the domestic circle. She was hospitable, counting no personal sacrifice too great to make those who came under her roof feel "at home."

She was a real Samaritan to all who were in need of her kindly ministries. In a time of need she was a friend indeed.

Her body has been buried away, but her loving service to those in need is immortal. Verily, she did what she could.

Rev. Dennis spoke of the lives of Mrs. R. L. Cortner and Mrs. W. P. Hollar, wives of students of the Seminary, engaged in pastoral work in the conference, who died during the influenza epidemic, in an appreciative manner. Both were young women giving promise of being eminently useful in the kingdom of Christ; but were suddenly called away from earth to their eternal abode.

Rev. M. I. Comfort read the following paper in memory of Ethel Marie, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Bevis. (See No. 67.)

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The Sunday evening service was in charge of Dr. S. S. Hough, who gave "The United Enlistment Movement in Picture and Story" in a most forceful manner.

LOCAL NOTES

In the entertainment of the conference the Euclid Avenue folks did it "differently," but in a manner that gave great satisfaction to the writer, who did not hear a single criticism of their method, which was serving breakfast in the homes, and self-serve dinner and supper in the church at popular prices to all that came. The menu was varied and ample, and their system of serving was perfect.

The pastor, Rev. Dennis, ably assisted by Miss Ella Hamilton, the deaconess of the church, quietly and efficiently looked after the assignment of all to good homes among the membership of the church. The music committee of the local church were untiring in their efforts to provide appropriate music for the evening services.

Mrs. Chas. Funkhouser and assistant were constantly on the job with efficient service.

The Home Avenue, the Middletown and the reorganized Elysian or Conference Quartet, with Peter Quartel and Mrs. Robert Funkhouser and the Otterbein Home Band, gave the conference the greatest variety and most pleasing musical program ever rendered at Miami Conference.

New features worthy of mention were the banquet and round table talks for pastors' wives on Thursday evening; the noon-day talks with laymen and ministers by the Bishop and Supt. Clippinger, and laymen's day on Friday were all well attended and very helpful innovations, that might well become permanent features in the future.

A "new thing under the sun" came to pass this year, due to the indefatigable work and optimistic spirit of Supt. Clippinger, when every charge in the conference brought a full report of the benevolence budget into the hands of Treasurer L. O. Miller, and all the people say AMEN.

REPORTS

No. 1—ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

On Devotion—J. G. Huber, J. L. Urich, E. S. Weimer.

Candidates for Ministry—W. C. Niswonger, N. D. Bevis, C. W. Snyder.

Conference Relations—J. M. Replogle, W. I. Underwood, J. P. Hendrix.

Elder's Orders—C. W. Stephens, A. C. Barnhardt, E. R. Turner.

Memoirs—J. A. Pantle, F. H. Bohn, Walter VanSaun.

Auditing Accounts—Chas. J. Hall, Fred W. Lammers, E. E. Nieman.

Nominations—C. B. Boda, E. P. Huddle, J. H. Dutton.

Boundaries and Finance—W. C. Niswonger, W. H. Smelker, O. O. Arnold, M. I. Comfort, W. T. Frank, C. B. Boda, C. W. Snyder, C. J. Hall, F. W. Lammers, H. D. Conger, R. L. Henry, James Nissley, F. W. Petry, W. M. VanSickle, E. Grant Koontz.

Standing Committees This Year

Home Missions—S. E. Rasey.

Foreign Missions—J. E. Yingling.

Church Erection—I. Zimmerman.

Education—M. W. Mumma.

Publishing Interests—C. W. Snyder.

Christian Stewardship—J. W. Kilbourne.

Sunday-School Interests—W. I. Underwood.

Christian Endeavor Union—E. S. Comrey.

The Christian Home—O. D. Wellbaum.

Temperance—E. R. Turner.

Resolutions—W. H. Smelker.

Seminary Extension—Clarence Smith.

Policy—W. H. Klinefelter, W. T. Frank, C. B. Boda.

Evangelism—W. C. Andreas.

Elementary Superintendent—Ella Hamilton.

Committees on Course of Study This Year

First Year—E. S. Comrey, J. M. Replogle, L. M. Hohn.

Second Year—J. H. Mayne, C. McNelly, W. I. Underwood.

Third Year—J. G. Huber, B. F. Farris, M. W. Mumma.

Fourth Year—W. H. Klinefelter, J. E. Yingling, O. F. Bilger.

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NO. 3—A TRUMPET CALL TO THE CHURCH

The church has come to a new day of responsibility and testing. The present situation is a trumpet call to the church. Many changes and new things are being proposed, such as a new Bible, a new church, a new religion, and a new program for this age.

New methods, new interpretation, and new programs are needed, but we do not need a new Bible, nor a new brand of religion, nor a new church.

The Church of Christ, whose authority rests in the New Testament and whose charter has never changed, is still the Church of God, and stands for Christianity in its essential features.

But we need to consider the demands and situation that have put the church under a severe test.

1. There is a call for leadership. There is a distressing shortage of religious workers in all the denominations. The church should pray mightily for more laborers into the vineyard. The demand for efficient leadership is great, a leadership that champions great causes and enterprises. The sources of ministerial supply will not be fruitful without a mighty spiritual awakening, that will result in a better family religion, a more intense spiritual atmosphere in our colleges and earnest prayer upon the part of annual conference leaders for new recruits.

2. There is a call for the church to give special attention to our youth. Good leadership should look 25 years ahead in laying the foundations for the development of character, stewardship and generosity. The child problem is the great problem of the church.

3. There is a call to the leaders to a study of the local church as the basic unit of the denominational organization and program. The pastor's problem is to lay hold of the latent forces and to give them definite work and to keep in touch with every member.

4. Then there is a loud call for intercession. God must be recognized as a factor in meeting the tasks before us. The highest rationality of prayer is communion with God. Men of power are tempted to proceed independently of the power of God in prayer. Prayer in co-operation with God is the main thing. Prayer does things. Prayer brings supernatural power to our church altars. Prayer inspires sacrificial gifts and princely offerings. Prayer brings the Divine and human together in co-operation. And that combination brings glorious achievements.

NO. 4—REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Public opinion, even on moral and religious questions, is moulded very largely to-day by the press. The old question for debate, "Resolved, That the pulpit is more powerful in moulding public opinion than the press," no longer seems to be a debatable question.

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Whether or not the pulpit is losing in spiritual power, the press is catching the public eye more than the pulpit is winning the public ear. The American people are becoming more and more a reading public, and perhaps less a church-going public. While we deplore the latter, the silver lining of this cloud is the recognized place of the religious press in modern American life, for we find its influence growing, and even the secular press is now giving more space to moral and religious subjects than before the war. Many of the articles in the secular press do not stand the Bible test, and a few in religious papers are not considered by some of us as orthodox, but these facts increase the responsibility of the conservative religious press to increase its influence on the reading public.

We, therefore, commend very highly the editors of the "Religious Telescope," "The Watchword," "The Evangel," and our Sunday school literature for all the good food they have so generously handed out to our United Brethren people.

The way to increase the influence of our literature is to increase its circulation. In quality it is worthy of a place in every United Brethren home.

We rejoice in the partial success of the "Telescope" campaign that has increased its circulation from 22,000 to more than 33,000, and we hope during this conference year that the goal of 50,000 will be more than reached.

We heartily commend the plans and goals of our Publishing House Board, and, recognizing that the pastor is the key man in these campaigns, we, therefore, recommend that every pastor in Miami Conference put forth a strenuous effort to reach as soon as possible the following goals set by the Publishing House:

1. 50,000 circulation of the "Religious Telescope."
2. 75,000 circulation of the "Watchword."
3. 25,000 "Otterbein Teachers."
4. 20 per cent. increase in all other periodicals, and
5. 100,000 sets of Otterbein Church Envelopes in United Brethren homes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SNYDER, *Committee.*

No. 5—MIAMI CONFERENCE TELESCOPE RECORD AUGUST 25, 1919

Mbrs.	Qta.	Pastor	Charge	Tels.	Per ct.	Club St.
85	13	E. S. Comrey	Cheviot	37	2.846	12
98	16	J. A. Robison	Columbus Ave.	29	1.812	22
145	22	W. M. VanSickle	Clifton	27	1.182	24
94	14	J. R. King	Otterbein Home	20	1.429	20
107	17	A. Dunkleberger	Wiley Memorial	24	1.412	27
91	14	J. H. Mayne	Sulphur Grove	19	1.357	35
422	66	W. T. Frank	Middletown	76	1.151	1
407	64	W. H. Smelker	Noth Madison	65	1.016	2
200	31	L. W. Biddle	Otterbein	30	.968	19
351	55	C. W. Setphens	Piqua	52	.945	4

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Mbrs ¹	Qta.	Pastor	Charge	Tels.	Per-ct.	Club S.t
335	62	C. B. Boda	Brookville	57	.919	3
184	29	M. I. Comfort	Caylor-Abbotsville	26	.897	25
161	25	E. P. Huddle	Philipsburg-Potsd	22	.880	29
46	8	Ernest Haerr	Springboro	7	.875	56
375	58	J. L. Armstrong	Arcanum	49	.845	5
273	43	C. W. Snyder	New Haven	36	.837	14
323	50	I. Zimmerman	Vandalia	41	.820	10
242	38	J. W. Kilbourne	High St.	29	.763	21
134	21	J. L. Ulrich	Mt. Healthy	15	.714	42
435	68	W. I. Underwood	Germantown	48	.706	6
66	10	R. H. Lefever	Wagner	7	.700	57
353	56	S. E. Rasey	Greenville	36	.643	13
334	52	M. W. Mumma	Rosewood	33	.635	16
332	52	G. A. Wahl	Lewisburg	30	.577	20
142	23	M. P. Kindred	Hamilton	13	.565	47
204	32	O. F. Bilger	West Manchester	18	.562	36
533	84	G. T. Powell	East Dayton	47	.560	7
120	20	E. R. Turner	Norris Memorial	11	.550	54
368	57	O. O. Arnold	Miami Chapel	31	.544	18
238	37	Clyde Lynch	Antioch-Pyrmont	20	.541	33
395	62	N. D. Bevis	Union City	33	.532	17
526	82	J. A. Pantle	Ithaca	42	.512	8
162	26	C. McNelly	Newport	13	.500	48
144	22	E. E. Johnson	Fairview	11	.500	52
222	35	T. W. Pontius	Waterhouse	17	.486	40
226	37	C. E. Fryman	New Hope-Pl. Hill	17	.459	39
485	75	C. J. Smith	West Elkton	34	.453	15
311	49	J. E. Yingling	Eaton	21	.429	32
588	92	O. D. Wellbaum	Cowden Memorial	37	.402	11
310	48	L. M. Hohn	Cherry Grove	18	.375	37
382	60	W. C. Niswonger	Lagonda Ave.	22	.367	30
187	30	Wm. Fuchs	Colerain	11	.367	50
291	45	M. O. Stein	Lockington	16	.356	41
234	38	F. H. Bohn	Aley-Beavertown	13	.345	45
206	32	W. H. Klinefelter	Olivet	11	.344	53
804	126	J. H. Dutton	Oak Street	58	.333	9
316	51	Geo. Jacoby	Harris-Millville	17	.333	38
104	15	H. C. Clark	Carrmonte	5	.333	60
277	43	W. C. Andreas	Miamisburg	14	.326	44
444	70	E. S. Weimer	Clayton	26	.314	31
530	84	C. E. Plack	Liberty	26	.309	23
242	38	J. P. Hendrix	Belmont	11	.289	51
315	50	E. L. Smith	Rossburg	13	.260	49
145	22	Elmer Saul	Union Chapel	5	.227	61
169	27	B. F. Farris	West Middletown	6	.222	50
750	118	S. B. Kurtz	Euclid	25	.212	26
126	20	M. A. Wagner	Ft. McKinley	4	.200	62
780	122	F. G. Huber	First Church	24	.197	28
437	68	J. M. Replogle	Hartford	13	.191	46
286	47	Walter VanSaun	North Bend	7	.149	55
306	48	F. W. May	Home Ave.	6	.125	58
794	124	A. Barnhardt	Eldorado-Savona	15	.121	43
118	20	Leroy Smelker	Troy St.	2	.100	63
64	10	C. E. Burris	Drexel	1	.100	64

NOTE.—Quotas were assigned according to 1917 membership. As this is typed it seems that Rev. E. S. Comrey wins on percentage while Rev. W. T. Frank has the big club. Where changes in pastorate took place of which we are not informed the quotas, of course, as give do not apply. Pastors are asked to check these figures carefully and see our representative as soon as possible. This is our first experiment in this grading and we ask your co-operation to make it most accurate and therefore most helpful.

THE U. B. PUB. HOUSE,
W. R. FUNK, Agent.

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NO. 6—THE PUBLISHING PROGRAM OF THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH—1919-1920

1. 50,000 "Telescopes."

Our uncompleted task—Where we were, 22,000; are, 33,500; and want to be 50,000. Argued from the standpoint of efficiency the goal must be reached. The pastor is the man to do it, and he can. Rev. Ira D. Warner, of Canton, Ohio, whose quota is 241 has 248 "Telescopes." Rev. L. W. Lutz, of Chambersburg, Pa., quota 230, club of 227. By contrast note what the pastor of a small flock can do. Rev. Earl Clark, of Glendive, Mont., who has a membership of 32 was given a quota of 6 and his club is now 46. Clark is a quota winner seven times over. From present indications the awards in other conferences will go as follows: St. Joseph, (73 J. A. Groves 81), (18 W. E. Cooper 29), 13 winners; West Virginia, (72 J. A. Kelley 78), (25 Lloyd Weaver 63), 12 winners; Illinois, (77 J. O. Fowler 86), (21 J. A. Smith 56), 37 winners; White River, (159 M. F. Dawson 112), (6 H. A. Lashbrook 17), 7 winners; Sandusky (106 E. A. Lilly 107) (21 P. O. Rhodes 33), 11 winners; S. E. Ohio, (92 W. E. Reibel 109) (6 A. J. Wagner 19), 15 winners; E. Ohio, (241 I. D. Warner 248) (6 A. S. Wolfe 17), 15 winners; Miami, (66 W. T. Frank 76) (13 E. S. Comrey 37), 10 winners; Kansas, (29 C. E. Farney 79) (also takes per cent. award), 18 winners; Allegheny, (115 I. E. Runk 86) (12 A. B. Sprague 30), 23 winners; California has secured 70 per cent. of her quota; Wisconsin 70 per cent.; Illinois 72 per cent.; Colorado 71 per cent.; the whole Church has attained 67 per cent. of the denomination quota of 50,000. From this it can be deducted that certain conferences fall below the 50 per cent. mark. This must be remedied and quickly if we would win out this coming season.

2. 75,000 "Watchwords."

From its present 45,000, we are confident there is a field of great usefulness for at least 30,000 more which will place us at the 75,000 goal. "The Watchword" in the hands of all Sunday school people from intermediate up will increase interest and loyalty. An average of 10 more "Watchwords" from each school will win out on this item. Do your duty by "The Watchword" and you will be well repaid. Order more this time. Please!

3. 25,000 "Otterbein Teachers."

Because there are 40,000 Sunday-school teachers in U. B. schools, 25,000 is not asking too much as a circulation for "The Otterbein Teacher." The quality of our religious instruction depends upon our leaders and "The Otterbein Teacher" contains information, suggestions, plans of teaching and methods of work calculated to equip its readers for the most efficient Sunday-school service.

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4. "The Boys' Friend" and "The Girls' Friend," 20 per cent. increase.

These papers are prepared to meet the reading needs of our boys and girls between the ages of twelve and fifteen years. They contain choice juvenile stories written by capable writers and illustrated by our house artist, besides handicraft articles and other matter specially adapted to boys and girls. They are worth much to them and they should receive them through the Sunday school. Circulation now 22,000 and 25,000.

20 per cent. increase in all other periodicals. "Our Little Folks," "Junior, Primary and the Home Department Quarterly," Lesson Picture Cards and Chart. Our schools can use 20 per cent. more of these publications and be better off for it. Do not scatter denominational resources.

5. Introduction of "Pupils' Lesson Stories."

For Picture Cards. This little booklet used in connection with the Little Picture Cards by scholars of Beginners and Primary ages adds much new interest and gives the pictures a permanent value. See samples. Beginning January, 1920.

6. Two new quarterlies, "The Otterbein Advanced" and "The Otterbein Young People's," replacing three, Adult, Senior and Intermediate.

"The Advanced Quarterly" is prepared for the needs of pupils from eighteen years old and upward. This quarterly will combine the excellent features of the old Senior and Adult Quarterlies. The Bible lesson treatment will be given careful attention with practical applications so that the word of God may become a transforming power in the life of the pupil. "The Young People's Quarterly" is prepared to meet the needs of the pupils between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, with more simple and adapted lesson treatment and such illustrations as will illumine the truths and bind them more firmly upon the heart. The Advanced succeeds the Adult, and at the same size and price. The Young People's replaces the Senior and the Intermediate, and is increased to forty-eight pages for seven cents per copy. Goals, Advanced 50,000; Young People's 175,000.

7. Campaign for graded Sunday school lessons. Goal, 100 per cent increase.

Your house, with the Sunday school board, is recommending and urging the use of the graded series of Sunday school lessons as the very best material for religious instruction for our children and young people.

The closely graded lessons provide the right kind of teaching material for instruction, motive and activities in an orderly and progressive way to aid the growth of Christian character and personality.

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These lessons have been properly tried and proved by hundreds of schools. Spiritual results in the lives of pupils have been marked. Schools have increased in size, interest and efficiency. Teachers and pupils would not think of changing them for other courses.

The pupil who has taken the complete course of graded lessons not only has had the opportunity of an orderly, progressive Christian training, but has obtained an adequate working knowledge of the Bible and a splendid foundation for a teachers' or officers' training course.

8. 100,000 sets Otterbein Church Envelopes in U. B. Homes.

Hundreds of our leading churches depend upon the Duplex Envelopes to cover their financial requirements, more than 60,000 sets being in use now. They are in more than one-half of our families. But this is not enough; they should be in practically every U. B. family. Why? Because the Otterbein Duplex System is the best ever devised for U. B. Churches. It is safe to make so strong a statement, because we have conclusive evidence of its truth. We give below a summary of the replies to 222 questionnaires sent to U. B. pastors, in whose churches this system of finance is used.

1. How many church members?

(Answer) 54,839. (Average) 247 per church.

2. Representing about how many families?

(Answer) 20,097. (Average) 91 per church.

3. How many sets of envelopes are in actual use of members?

(Answer) 25,462. (Average) 115 per church.

4. Are these single or double pocket (Duplex)?

(Answer) Single 80, 36 per cent. Duplex 142, 64 per cent.

5. How long have you used this envelope system?

(Answer) (Average) $4\frac{1}{2}$ years.

6. Does it inspire greater regularity in giving?

(Answer) "Yes" 206. No answer 16.

7. Is the average gift per member larger than formerly?

(Answer) "Yes" 187. "No" 3. About same 1. No answer 31.

8. Is your church enabled to meet its expenses more promptly?

(Answer) "Yes" 192. No answer 27. "No" 3.

9. Do you supply the children in your families with envelope sets?

(Answer) "Yes" 78. "No" 39. "Partly" 100. No answer 5.

10. Are the initial offering envelopes helpful?

(Answer) "Yes" 182. "No" 8. No answer 32.

11. Would you suggest a raising of the amount asked for in the initial offering envelope from 10c to 15c or more?

(Answer) 10c, 121. 15c, 54. 20c, 1. 25c, 2. No answer 44.

12. For how many Sundays were your church doors closed during the influenza epidemic?

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(Answer) (Average) 5 5-6 Sundays.

13. Were the receipts of your church treasury reduced because of the churchless Sundays?

(Answer) "No" and "Only Temporarily" 138. "Yes" and "Only Slightly" 80. No answer 4.

14. Is the envelope system as you use it a success?

(Answer) "Yes" 200. "No" 4. "Partly" 14. No answer 4.

Pastors who desire better results in this line should install the Otterbein Duplex System at once.

No. 7—"PLACE OF PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF A MINISTER"—J. W. KILBOURNE. NOT RECEIVED.

No. 8—SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the Miami Conference, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, assembled in the One Hundred and Tenth Annual Session, at Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Brethren:—

In the providence of God I am permitted to render my first annual report as Superintendent of the Miami Conference. The first impulse of my heart is to give God thanks for his infinite goodness and register gratitude to you my brethren for kindness, patience and hearty co-operation in the work of the Master.

I took up my duties in this new field of labor with much timidity, and perhaps with some temerity. Already mistakes, which I have made, are in evidence, and no doubt there are many more, which I have not yet discovered. The duties incumbent upon a Conference Superintendent are a departure from my former habits of life. I was trained for the work of a pastor and my heart is still there. You selected me for this position and let us hope that your selection was God's will. I have found the work difficult but pleasant, arduous but inspiring. The open door and the undeveloped church is a challenge to my young life and my strong body.

Certain unavoidable circumstances combined to make the work of the year very difficult. In the first place my worthy predecessor, Doctor Kurtz, who was always a safe counselor, was called home. I had no one to whom I could go for advice and comfort, hence I was compelled to blaze the way alone.

Secondly, the early months of this conference year found our nation engaged in a terrible war, with hundreds of our own young men at the front, some of whom are to-day sleeping on French soil. All hearts were filled with anxiety. The terrors of war were distracting. There was a feeling of unrest and uneasiness which made it impossible to launch an increase program in church

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activities, and in many places very difficult to maintain our former strength.

Thirdly. Very soon after our pastors returned to their homes, before they had fully entered upon the duties of another year, an awful epidemic of influenza swept over this country, carrying away our loved ones, depleting our ranks and leaving our homes desolate. This epidemic necessitated the closing of our churches. Some of which were closed for a period of six weeks. All church activities were brought to a standstill.

In addition to the above hindrances, the labor situation and the high cost of living have materially affected Christian work. These handicaps along with the growing spirit of commercialism combine to make the work very difficult this year. Yet we give God thanks for unexcelled opportunities of service and rejoice in victory. It has been a year of signal triumph. All in all there have been more bright days than dark ones, more joy than sorrow, more gladness than sadness, and more victories than defeats. As we review the past we are glad to note that God has been with us.

Sickness and Death

There has been in the homes of our pastors as well as the homes of the laity much sickness. Some of our pastors and members of their families have been seriously ill with influenza, but in no case have they succumbed to this dreaded disease, for which we give God thanks. For the first time in many years no one has fallen in the ministerial ranks of the Miami Conference.

It is with sadness, however, that we pause to record on our official record the death of Mrs. C. W. Stephens, the beloved wife of our faithful pastor at Piqua. After two year's of lingering illness she passed from earth to glory triumphant in the Christian faith. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, February 23, in the presence of a large company of friends, we laid her body to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Union City, Indiana. She was a good woman and a great help and inspiration to her husband in all his pastoral work. Her kind face will be missed in our annual gatherings, but our memory of her is pleasant and our loss is her gain.

We pause also to record the death of Mrs. R. L. Cortner, whose husband was at the time of her death pastor of our Troy Street Church, Dayton. She died in the Miami Valley Hospital, December 3. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. Her husband and her sister who were with her at the time of her death took the body to Concordia, Kansas, her former home for burial.

It is proper in this connection to call to mind the death of Mrs. W. P. Hollar, whose husband was supply pastor at Lagonda

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Avenue, Springfield, last year. Both she and her husband were well known to many of us. Mrs. Hollar's illness was very brief. Her death came December 29, as a great shock to all who knew her. She left a bright little baby girl, Pauline by name, who still lives but will never know her mother's love.

The death of these two very amiable young women cast a great gloom over the student body at the Seminary. They with their husbands were students in Bonebrake Seminary. Words fail to express our feelings in the very sudden death of these two promising young women. They were so cheerful and so attractive. They had a large company of friends to mourn their death.

Our hearts also go out in loving sympathy to Brother Norman D. Bevis and wife, who lost their infant babe, Ethel Marie. The little one lived on earth only seven days, yet the tender cords of love entwined themselves firmly about the hearts of these devoted parents. Heaven is all the more attractive because this little bud of promise has preceeded them by a few short years. They will keep her little grave green until the shadows of earth pass away and they shall see her face in Father's house.

If time and space permitted I should like to call to memory a long list of faithful laymen who died during the year, several of whom were members of our last Annual Conference. These consecrated men and women have gone to their reward. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Appropriate memoirs will be read Sunday afternoon concerning the beautiful characters of the above-named persons.

Resignations and Appointments

At the close of the last session of the Miami Conference, there were a number of vacant pulpits. To supply these vacant pulpits was my first duty as Conference Superintendent. After an amicable agreement between the Potsdam class and the class at Phillipsburg, Rev. E. P. Huddle was appointed pastor in charge. Rev. S. B. Kurtz, a returned missionary from the Philippine Islands, was appointed supply pastor at the Euclid Avenue Church, Dayton. He took up his work December 1, and continued until August 1, when his successor, Rev. Fred L. Dennis, of the White River Conference was named.

On October 15, I appointed Rev. F. W. Pontius, a senior in Bonebrake Theological Seminary, pastor of Hillgrove and Water House churches, and Rev. J. W. Wright, also a student, pastor of the Nashville church. Rev. Ernest Haerr, not wishing to move on the Rossburg work, resigned said charge September 4, and was immediately appointed pastor of the Springboro Circuit.

R. v. I. S. Swezey immediately after Conference resigned Eldorado charge, and in his stead I appointed Rev. A. C. Barnhardt,

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who had previously resigned Ft. McKinley. Rev. M. A. Wagner, a student of the Seminary was then appointed pastor of Ft. McKinley. Rev. Mr. Longenecker, also a student of the Seminary, resigned Miamisburg, and Rev. W. C. Andreas was reappointed for another year, having resigned the Otterbein Church, September 23. I then appointed Rev. L. W. Biddle a member of the Senior class in the Seminary. A few weeks after the close of the Annual Conference, Rev. D. T. Gregory resigned Antioch-Pyrmont work and another student, Rev. C. A. Lynch was appointed. The Rossburg charge was left vacant for several months, when I procured the services of Rev. E. L. Smith. Later in the year, Rev. J. W. Wright resigned the Nashville work and I appointed Rev. O. E. Ramsey, also a student. For the last six months Rev. S. L. Brill, a member of our own conference, has been preaching at Utica, on the Springboro charge. Rev. R. E. Penick resigned Hamilton, May 1, and Rev. M. P. Kindred was appointed. Brother J. A. Pantle has been giving a limited amount of service to the Mt. Zion church in connection with his own regular appointment.

After much anxiety and worry I was able to supply all the churches in the conference. I have made use of twelve student pastors, more than we are accustomed to use, but I am glad to say they have done good work and their faithfulness commends them.

License to Preach

Quarterly Conference license was granted seven young men during the year to preach the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

On December 1, the Oak Street Quarterly Conference granted license to four of their young men, namely, Messrs. George P. Campbell, LeRoy Smelker, Arthur W. Taylor, and Horace V. Troop. Also the same church granted license on August 19, to Brother Arthur W. Campbell.

On February 20, the West Middletown charge granted license to William P. Channon, a member of the Pleasant Ridge appointment.

On July 21, the Clifton Quarterly Conference granted license to Brother Lucas Herrin, a member of their church, but formerly of the Philippine Islands. At this time he is studying in Chicago University, but will pursue his Theological work in Lane Theological Seminary.

The Quarterly Conference license of Brothers Ramey G. Huber and Merne Klepinger were renewed.

Elders Orders

Rev. S. L. Brill, having completed his Theological course in Bonebrake Seminary is eligible to the rite of ordination. I therefore, recommend him to the Committee on Elders Orders.

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Pastors' Salaries

The Annual Conference one year ago recommended an increase of twenty per cent. in pastors' salaries. I am glad to report that fifty-four charges have made a substantial increase. Only in four places has there been no increase where men are giving full time. On many fields of labor the increase has been far above a twenty per cent. mark. The largest increase on any one field was on the Caylor-Abbottsville charge, which shows an increase of \$500.00. The next in order is Belmont at \$450.00. The grand total of increase for the whole Conference including the Conference Superintendent, is \$9,500.00. This is by far the largest salary increase ever reported by this Conference in a single year. When we consider the high cost of living it is still in many places far short of what it should be. We have all faith in our laymen to believe that they will place the salaries of their pastors next year at such a figure, that living will not be embarrassing.

The following charges come under the minimum salary provision of the last Annual Conference. Having examined the report of each pastor and finding everything satisfactory, I recommend the following amounts: North Bend, \$100.00; New Hope, \$135.00; Willey Memorial, \$63.00; Lockington, \$100.00; Columbus Avenue, \$200.00; Harrison and Millville, \$200.00; Beavertown, \$120.00; Mt. Healthy, \$145.00; Olivet, \$120.00; New Port, \$200.00. Making a total of \$1,383.00.

Special Campaigns

The first special campaign to receive our attention was that for Home Missions under the direction of Dr. Camp, Home Missionary Secretary. Unfortunately it came at a time when many of the churches were closed on account of the Influenza. The campaign was thus prolonged and the results were not what they would have been under normal conditions. I am glad, however, to report that this Conference gathered for this worthy purpose, \$2,791.00.

In the month of December, the pastors put forth an honest effort to increase the number of Telescope subscribers. The largest club in the conference is at Middletown, having seventy-five subscribers, with New Madison a close second, having sixty-six subscribers. In the latter case much credit is due Mrs. Smelker, who was the Telescope agent. In number of subscribers the following charges have gone beyond their quota. Cheviot, Clifton, Willey Memorial, Middletown, New Madison, Otterbein Home, Sulphur Grove and Beardshear. Cheviot is the banner church of the conference, having a Telescope for every two and two-third members. According to the minutes of last conference we had 1,112 Telescope subscribers. My latest report shows a subscription list of 1,662, making a net gain for the year of 550. This gain is very creditable, but

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when we remember that the Religious Telescope is our chief denominational oracle, the subscription list should be much larger in every church. With the coming of next December, I trust that every pastor will put forth an heroic effort to have his charge come up to the quota, namely one subscriber for every seven members.

Otterbein Home. Nearly all the churches in the conference gave a Christmas offering to the Otterbein Home, the total amount of which is \$1,398.26. This amount is in excess of last year's offering. This great institution is deserving of the hearty support of all our people.

Bonebrake Seminary. The last campaign to receive our attention was for Bonebrake Seminary. The minimum goal set by the Council of Administration was \$25,000. I am glad to announce that we have gone far beyond the goal. The latest figures are \$26,500. This amount may still be augmented.

The United Enlistment Movement. Both pastors and people are becoming more and more interested in this forward campaign of our loved Zion. A large number of intercessors have been enrolled. We have also enlisted some Life-Work Recruits. There is much work yet to be done. A program with these dimensions demands the full strength and entire consecration of all pastors. What others have done, we can do. What ought to be done, can be done.

Armenian Offering. All hearts were moved with compassion for the suffering Armenians. A most liberal offering was made amounting to \$2,278.57. Our obligation to these suffering Christians is not yet discharged. As opportunities come to you I trust you will continue to contribute cheerfully and liberally.

District Meetings

One meeting was held in each of the districts during the year. The attendance was much larger than in any preceeding year. If these meetings are to be made effective they must have a still larger attendance. I trust that all pastors and delegates will co-operate to make these district conventions inspiring and far reaching in their influence.

New Building Enterprises

Not much has been done in the way of building during the last twelve months. Three charges have stemmed the high cost of materials. Arcanum church is now in the process of building a large Sunday-school room in the rear of their auditorium, which, when completed and furnished, will cost over ten thousand dollars.

Our folks at New Madison are building a Community House. The object of this building is to provide a safe and sane social center for the young people, not only of New Madison but of the entire community. This is the first building of its character in the

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conference. This line of Christian work should commend itself to other churches.

The pastor and trustees at Greenville are now soliciting subscriptions for a new church and hope to begin work in the early spring. They now have about \$13,000.00 on bankable paper.

Our congregation at Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio, is laying by each year a very creditable sum toward a modern Sunday-school room. Their financial plan is to provide in cash all the necessary money before they raze the old building.

Parsonages

On October 13, I dedicated the new parsonage at Columbus Avenue, Springfield. We raised by cash and subscription \$817.00. These and all previous subscriptions will be due on or before January 1, 1921. It cost \$2,500.00. The entire cost has been covered by subscription. Much of the labor and some material was donated. This small congregation deserves credit for its careful insight and heroic work.

The beautiful brick parsonage at Middletown is now complete and occupied by the pastor. It was dedicated by Bishop Mathews, March 30. Its cost was about \$9,000.00 and stands on a lot worth perhaps \$2,500.00. This parsonage is the best and most commodious in the Miami Conference, and will rival any in the denomination.

Hartford Street purchased a parsonage early in the year and remodeled the house for the comfort of the pastor.

The Belmont congregation purchased a property adjoining the church for a parsonage. It was dedicated on the twenty-second day of June by the Conference Superintendent.

Our church at Hamilton has purchased a valuable property in a very desirable section of the city to be occupied by their next pastor. They will get possession of it September 1. The purchase price was \$4,600.00.

Repairs on parsonages this year amounted to \$2,200.00.

All this speaks well for the laity of our churches. All our pastors have comfortable homes and are happy with their surroundings.

Church Property

The value of our Church property is ever increasing. Repairs this year have amounted to \$12,521. In addition to the natural increased value of property, our people are paying off old church debts very rapidly. I know of only one church in the conference that has not paid something on the principal of the debt within twelve months. Another year of prosperity and several of our churches will burn the last vestige of incumbrance.

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Evangelism

The fires of Evangelism are still burning, although in some places it is but a smoldering fire. Our pastors have been greatly hindered this year in their evangelistic meetings on account of the prevailing sickness. Notwithstanding the many hindrances I am happy to report 1,286 conversions and 1,735 accessions. Let us pray that God may revive his work in our midst once more.

I am glad in this connection to bear testimony to the faithful service of Evangelist C. V. Roop, who has labored in this conference with great success for the last three years. His report will bear evidence of the character of his work. As he now returns to his own conference, we pray God's blessing upon him and hope that he may continue to be a great power in winning men for Jesus Christ.

Financial Statistics

I shall not attempt to give figures. I wish to speak only in a general way. In my first round of quarterlies I found all the charges accepting their benevolence apportionment without complaint. They set to work with a will and the present indications are that every charge will pay its budget in full. The Miami Conference has never enjoyed this distinction, but may she now have the glory. More of our churches have contributed to the Preacher's Aid Fund than in any preceeding year. Surely every church should contribute something for the support of these aged men and women. They may be inactive, but they are still faithful and deserving of our continued support. May we make these their latter days the sweetest and best of all.

I am sure that when the columns have been totaled it will be discovered that we have gathered for all purposes many thousands of dollars more than in any preceeding year.

It is only just that we give credit to over five hundred faithful stewards of God within the bounds of this conference, who are giving the tithe of their possessions to the Lord. Such faithfulness deserves special mention. May God raise up unto himself many others who will render a just account of their material possessions.

Conventions

The Women's Missionary Convention was held in New Madison with a strong program and a large attendance. Mrs. Harry Vance, of Greenville, will bring to us greetings from the convention. There is no organization within the bounds of the conference quite so efficient as the Women's Missionary Society. This splendid organization is deserving of the hearty support of all pastors and laymen.

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The Christian Endeavor Convention was held on the Miami Valley Chautauqua grounds. A delightful place for a convention. The attendance was double that of any preceeding year. The President, Rev. E. S. Comrey, and his executive committee, are deserving of much credit for the careful arrangements and the good program.

The following charges have held circuit reunions: West Elkton, Water House and Liberty. These occasions have proven to be very helpful, and I would suggest that more of our circuits arrange for gatherings of this character this coming year.

Recommendations

I beg leave to submit the following recommendations, in addition to the suggestions of previous paragraphs.

First. That the Miami Conference endorse the United Enlistment Movement, and promise hearty co-operation along all lines. That our pastors arrange their local programs in harmony with the schedule of the United Enlistment Movement, and seek in every way possible to reach the goals, both spiritual and financial.

Second. That the minimum salary for pastors in the Miami Conference be \$1,000.00 and parsonage, governed by the following conditions: 1. The pastor shall reside on his field of labor; 2. The pastor shall give full time to the work of his pastorate; 3. The congregation shall make a ten per cent. increase on pastor's salary over last year; 4. The Conference Benevolence Budget shall be paid in full; 5. On charges where there is no parsonage an allowance of \$200.00 may be granted for parsonage rent; 6. It shall be understood that under no conditions shall a charge receive more than \$200.00 either for pastor's salary or parsonage rent.

Third. That charges now receiving minimum salary become self-supporting, so far as possible.

Fourth. That the Miami Conference pledge \$10,000.00 each to Clifton and Cheviot churches. These amounts to be in the form of gifts, not loans. The above amounts to be placed in the askings of the United Enlistment Movement. If, however, the conference shall not receive the above amounts through the Movement it shall still be liable for the above amounts. The details of this recommendation in respect to time and manner of payments be left to the discretion of the Conference Board of Trustees.

Personal Statement

As the year draws to a close, I am painfully conscious of the fact that not all has been accomplished that I had hoped for. I think you will agree with me that it has been a year of unusual strain and anxiety which have combined to make church work difficult.

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There are seventy charges in the conference with one hundred and ten churches. I have been on all the fields of labor, and in all the churches except about six. Our membership is now 19,589. The Sunday-school enrollment is 23,828. About one thousand members have been received from the Sunday school into the church.

In the last twelve months I have visited all the pastors in their homes. Both pastors and laymen have received me kindly and have given me a warm welcome in their homes, as well as their churches. Being a stranger among you, this courtesy I have appreciated more than I can express in words. Most of my travel has been by automobile. In the year just closing I have driven my machine 6,400 miles at a total cost of \$464.00. I have traveled by rail about 1,500 miles at a cost of \$33.00. Exclusive of hotel bills and telephone bills my expenses have been \$497.00.

God has given me unusually good health. I have been able to meet every engagement except two, one on account of a defective automobile and another on account of inclement weather.

This report, however, would be very incomplete if I did not give credit to my good wife who shared with me the burdens and cares of the year's work. She spent many days in loneliness and many hours in anxious waiting when the night was dark. Whatever there may have been of success in my work, to her I will give credit. She has made the sacrifice and to her would I give the glory.

The volume of the year's work is now closed. Some pages are fair and beautiful to behold. Other pages bear the record of imperfect works. Wherein we have failed, may God forgive.

Looking to Him who is the author and finisher of our faith, let us go forward to larger and better things next year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. CLIPPINGER,
Conf. Supt.

No. 9

Mayor Switzer began his address with a hearty welcome to the members of the conference.

Following this, his first point was the importance of carrying out the full program of Christianity. This he considered two-fold—first and more important, saving for eternal life; second, seeking the welfare and happiness of mankind in this earthly life. In other words, it is carrying out the spirit of the great commandment—to love God and love neighbor.

To accomplish this, he emphasized the importance of unity of action on the part of the churches of any community, regardless of denominationalism. A strong, active federation of the churches

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will do things in connection with the moral welfare of the people that the churches independently could not possibly accomplish.

Mayor Switzer also urged that the church must teach at all times and in no uncertain terms that there is one way to salvation—belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This clearly is the gospel message and we must be true to our task in these days of efforts to side-track, and bring that message of salvation faithfully to those who will hear it.

The speaker insisted that the laymen of the churches must understand that this work is just like any other, in that it demands leadership to insure success. We must feel responsible for supplying it. We must work and give. It is only in this way that the great forward movement of the church will be successful.

The address was summed up with these closing words: "Christianity is the way to salvation. Christianity is the solution of the problems of mankind. The church is the one institution above all others that stands for Christianity. Your big task and mine, and most important, therefore, is to be found in the church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

NO. 10—RESOLUTION FOLLOWING ADDRESS OF MAYOR J. M. SWITZER

We have been thrilled by the magnificent address of Hon. J. M. Switzer, Mayor of Dayton. We appreciate the strong emphasis he placed upon the fundamentals of our faith and the place the Bible and the Church hold in the progress of the race. We wish him God-speed in his administration as the executive of our city and we further express the wish that the highest position in the gift of the citizens of our commonwealth might open to him for the sway of his sterling manhood and the exercise of his splendid powers.

J. G. HUBER,

CHAS. J. HALL,

Committee.

NO. 11—REPORT OF CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

(Report for 1918-19)

Meetings, 15; visits, 2,338.

Sermons, 292; addresses, 62; total, 354.

Conversions, 347; distinct renewals, 57; total, 404.

Accessions, 302.

Collected cash for salary, \$1,963.83; personal, \$58.50; total, \$2,022.33.

Collected for churches, \$2,088.00

Organized, 1 W. M. A.; 2 Sr. C. E.; 1 Jr. C. E.

(Report for 5 years—1914-19)

Revivals, 53; visits, 7,123; sermons, 1,561; conversions, 1,626; accessions, 1,404; collected for salary, \$6,355.33; collected for

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churches, \$9,319.39. Also 3 years in Seminary; 1 year pastor at Carrmonte; 2 years conference evangelist.

C. V. ROOP, *Evangelist*.

No. 12—REPORT OF SECRETARY OF EVANGELISTIC COMMISSION

The Evangelistic Commission met at the Dayton Y. M. C. A. September 12, and contracted with Rev. C. V. Roop as Conference Evangelist as follows: The salary of the evangelist to be \$1,800, the committee not guaranteeing any of this sum. All over \$1,800 that may be collected in campaigns held by the evangelist to be divided fifty per cent. to the evangelist and fifty per cent. to the commission.

Under this contract meetings were arranged and held at the following places in our conference: Miamisburg, Rosewood, Clayton, Greenbush, West Elkton, College Hill, Beavertown, Savona, Otterbein, West Manchester, Troy St. Millville, Fairview, Newport and Middletown, a total of fourteen for the year.

The influenza quarantine interfered with the campaigns at Rosewood and Clayton, and made it impossible to schedule meetings during November and the early part of December. During this time Rev. Roop held a two weeks' meeting at Sycamore in Sandusky Conference. The offering and reports of this meeting were included in the evangelist's report to the committee.

Through the discouragement of those days and throughout the year Rev. Roop worked faithfully and enthusiastically at the task of winning souls and developing the life of the church. He was sent to some fields that presented peculiarly difficult problems but in these cases and in fact on every field of labor he rendered real and efficient service to the church, the pastor and the Kingdom.

We regret to lose Brother Roop after five years of remarkably successful work within our conference. He goes to Sandusky Conference to enter the work of Conference Evangelism there. Our prayers and hopes shall follow him, and it is the prayer and hope of the committee that God shall raise up some one to carry on this well begun work.

O. O. ARNOLD, *Secretary*.

No. 13—CONFERENCE EVANGELISM

To one who has been a close observer of church life for twenty-five years and more the subject of Evangelism is of supreme interest.

The change of attitude of the church toward the world has resulted in a remarkable change of attitude of the world toward the church.

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As the church has softened down its message, trimmed its garments and pussy-footed among men the world has turned a cold shoulder toward the church and has not favored its efforts to be chummy with it and imitate its life.

As long as the church maintained its dignity as the representative of Jehovah, it was respected even by its enemies, but when it sought to compete with the world and provide literary entertainments and semi-worldly amusements the world has resented its efforts and laughed at its silly pretensions.

It is humorous, yet humiliating in some cases, to see the Church of God forgetting its call and commission and ignoring the command of its Lord and Master to preach the Gospel, and to tell the story of God's sacrificial offering for sin, dishing out literary diffusions, dabbling in politics, seeking to please and entertain the souls that are hurrying to hell, rather than seeking to save some from the doomed wreck. The attitude of the church has changed and the world has lost confidence in it, and men are restlessly seeking rest in every form of devil's devices and false systems are thriving everywhere.

In using the term "Church" it is to be understood that we are speaking of its tendencies as a whole. Thank God, there are churches and preachers true as steel standing by their guns, holding fearlessly forth the word of God, pure in purpose, self-sacrificing in life and as ready to go to the stake as were the martyrs. And these preachers and people compose the salt which saves the world from the impending wrath of God.

The question, "Do men really care for the church?" is indeed worth while thinking about.

In order to feel the pulse of business men on this subject, the services of a practical business man were secured in a city of 600,000. He had a fine personality and a sincere love for the souls of men. For more than a year he spent each day calling upon men in the offices and stores, conferring with business and professional men in a candid, practical manner with reference to their relation to Jesus Christ and the Church. The consensus of opinion was that the majority of men did not care for the Church. Most of them used Sunday for their holiday. Many had found the ministry of the Church without interest to them. Many had followed their wives into Christian Science, Theosophy and Spiritualism, but the bulk were unconcerned, giving as their reason that there were so many cults, so many denominations, so little of definiteness in the preaching, that they were satisfied to drift to eternity doing the best they could.

There has been a marked change in the home life of Christian people. The new era for women has developed a new type of mother. Children see but little of their parents. Fathers are ab-

sorbed in business, politics, lodges and pleasure. Mothers have their clubs, their social functions and there is very little family life or prayer. There is a scarcity of old-fashioned home life for little children. Not many mothers have the knack of gathering their children around their knee and telling them Bible stories. Few even tuck their children in bed and kneel to pray with them, and many Christian homes are not more than family boarding houses.

The drift from the moorings of the word of God in the schools and homes is evidenced in the life of the young people and the statistics concerning crime are startling. Even if we were without a Bible, we would be compelled to believe in a personal devil, some malignant enemy of God and man plying his devilish trade everywhere. Scripture defines three leading characteristics of latter day delusions:

1. Great Power. The devil oils the tongues of his servants, charges them with satanic magnetism and gives them power over the minds of whole bodies of men.

2. Great Deception. Satan is a prince of deceivers and in these days he is calling forth all the depths of his treacherous cunning that are in him. Some of his servants carry Bibles under their arms, have it at their tongue's end and apparently quote it with reverence. They have the right bait for every case.

3. Great Success. The natural result of great power and great deception. People have an idea that the success of a teaching is the evident mark of God's favor and they resent one's making any attack upon them, saying, "If it be not of God it will come to naught." Don't forget, however, that the success of false teachings is clearly prophesied for the days just prior to the second coming of Christ, and the great strides of these modern religious movements which have parted company with the fundamentals of Scripture are therefore only an indication of their infernal origin. But what would seem to be the limit to the apostasy of these days is "The Shorter Bible." It is real short. Man made. Made to order by the compilers.

The name of the translator is Charles Foster Kent. He is from Yale as is also one of his aids, Charles Cutler Torrey, besides whom he was assisted by Henry A. Sherman of the Scribner Publishing Co., Frederick Harris of the Publication Department of the Y. M. C. A., and Ethel Cutler, a religious work director of the Y. W. C. A.

The doctrines which these eminent scholars have eliminated are chiefly: The Inspiration and Authority of the Word of God, The Atonement, False Teachers, Miracles, The Depravity of Human Nature, The Apostasy of the Church, The Second Coming of Our Lord. The word "grace" is used but once. It is significant that

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the word Lord is seldom applied to Jesus. These gentlemen tell us that they are giving the dear people the passages which contain the true heart of the Bible and which are of vital interest and practical value to the present age.

What shall we do in days like these? Whose doctrine shall we accept? How shall we keep from being swept off our feet? To the law and to the testimony. Take God's word from the pure stream. No filters are needed. A real revival of Bible study is the only hope of the Church. Not only that, but we must, in connection with the completeness of God's word, know God himself-through prayer. Well may we tremble, if we do not walk with God and search His word.

My soul be on thy guard,
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are fighting hard
To keep thee from the skies.

Evangelism! Do we need it? Conference evangelism? Can we proceed along lines of victory without a safe, sane, virile, pentecostal, soul-interesting effort to do the last thing to get sin-hardened men, conscience-seared women and wayward young people safe into the great merciful, loving heart of God? The time is short. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we offer increasing prayer and lend our unstinted energies to the plans and work of the United Enlistment Movement so ably launched and thus far so successfully directed and which is meeting with the hearty appreciation which it deserves. That we voice our appreciation of the splendid little volume placed in the hands of the pastors by our enthusiastic secretary, Dr. Hough, and which could be read many times with great profit.

Secondly, that Miami Conference go on record as approving the magnificent work accomplished the past year by our Brother Roop, and since he is to return to his own conference, let us with careful deliberation select another Conference Evangelist. A man saturated through and through with Bible study and prayer. A real director of evangelism in our local churches, a real aid to the pastor in launching a community campaign, enrolling personal workers and organizing them into teams and creating a love, reverence and devotion for the work of God. This evangelist to receive his remuneration for such service from the local society among which he labors, financed by a responsible community committee, solicited and appointed by the pastor. The whole movement to be under the careful supervision of the Conference Evangelistic Committee, any member of which could be called upon to assist in organization, services or finance.

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Third, that Conference Evangelism be further promoted by the forming of a Pocket Testament League by the pastor of each local church, planning to give to any one who will commit their life and service to Christ and promising to read a portion of Scripture each day with prayer a pocket testament, they to sign to the above conditions contained in the fly leaf of the Testament and to report their success at stated intervals to the pastor. This plan will encourage the reading of God's word. Interest in others becoming more familiar with it, and eventually a regime of personal evangelism.

Fourth, that there is no better method of church work than that of Christ himself, who went about doing good, visiting the sick and afflicted, comforting the poor and distressed and converting sinners. •

This is the method of Personal Evangelism. Human nature reveals itself in those "called to be saints" in peculiar ways often. Their excuses for ignoring their church vows and obligations show how little a thing it takes to alienate a member. One woman, with her entire family, stayed away from church because the pastor had used a word which she thought undignified. A little kindly influence brought her back, with her family, and she also brought in her neighbors. It will not do to treat this class with contempt.

A man became disaffected because the pastor did not on one occasion visit a sick member of his family. The pastor had not heard of the illness. "Was she very sick?" he asked of the head of the family. "Sick enough to have a doctor." "How did the doctor know she was sick?" "We told him." "Why didn't you tell me?"

Many cases can be revealed better by a lay worker than by a pastor. Personal evangelism multiplies the power of a pastor a hundredfold, keeps the members alive and active, and increases church attendance. It applies to religious work, the methods of thorough going business, which cultivates and looks systematically after its customers, notices when they drop out and finds out and removes the cause.

NO. 14—REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—DR. KLINE-FELTER. NOT RECEIVED.

NO. 15—PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY AND FINANCE

We, your Committee on Boundary and Finance, recommend the following:

1. That Miami Conference consist of one superintendent's district.
2. That the salary of the conference superintendent be fixed at \$2,750.00.

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3. That the salary of the recording secretary be fixed at \$50.00, the statistical secretary at \$35.00 and the conference treasurer at \$100.00, said salaries to be effective for this year's session of the conference.

CHARLES J. HALL, *Secretary*.

No. 16—"THE FAMILY ALTAR"—REV. J. L. ARMSTRONG. NOT RECEIVED.

No. 16a—HOME MISSION REPORT FOR MIAMI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Possibly there never was a time when the whole world was in such a national commotion as in the past three years. It seems to have ushered in a new epoch in world powers. This evolution of powers is seen not only in more democratic forms of government, but in a new allied spirit in the world's moral forces and Christian consciousness. So that the church has been discovering herself, in the recent past, in a way that she has possibly never done before. She is discovering some of her own past weakness, some of the fundamentals for success, and how to ally her powers so as to become a ruling energy in the world.

In this self-discovery the church is also adopting a new program for world Christianization.

Instead of extending mission work both at home and abroad in an unorganized way, without consulting any one, the mission work of the future will largely be governed by the needs as shown in the world survey that is now being taken. If this survey is properly executed, it will reveal the actual needs of the whole world. In these needs will be found the new home mission tasks.

The sad fact in the mission work of all denominations, in the past, has been that they have sought out the best classes and places, leaving the great masses of undesirables without the sphere of operation.

But the time has come when the church must grapple with the real home mission tasks.

If the church in America is going to please God she can no longer turn a deaf ear to the negro, who now comprises about one-ninth of our population. Nor can she ignore the great Latin-American race of the southwest.

The ever-increasing alien population in our cities, with the ever-increasing seriousness of the industrial problems in these great centers, are not only becoming alarming, but threatening the very principles of our peace and security. The church through her home mission propaganda is the only real remedy for this sin.

The first great work of our church as a denomination is, to adapt ourselves, in an inter-church program, to meet these titanic tasks. But if there is to be an allied program for world Christianization, it must be founded on some basic principles of mission work.

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The first basic principle is, the logic of mission work and extension. To extend Christ's kingdom, there must be a fountain head or source of supply. The tabernacle was this fountain head for Israel. Jerusalem was the fountain head for the "Land of Promise." Does any one doubt that America was raised up and really spared for "such a time as this," that she might become the fountain head and source of supply for world Christianization?

The second great basic principle is, that neither the church nor the nation can contribute to the world what they do not possess in their own creative functions. Is there any doubt then if the American church and nation desire to fulfill their part in God's program for this day, the church must not only live an intenser Christian life, but put herself to the work of solving every home mission task under the stars and stripes. Then and not till then can we claim to be a world Christianizer or claim God's promises when he said, "I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance."

We now come to some statements and conditions relative to our own denominational work.

During the past year, we had 128 missionaries and teachers on our list. One hundred and twelve missions received support by the board. These missions brought into the church 1,804 people. We rejoice in this, and appreciate this splendid record, for if the whole Church had done as well as our home missions, there would have been added to the Church last year over 55,000 people. We also note with pleasure that while the Church gave the Home Missionary society a little over \$50,000 with which to carry on its work, our home missions gave for all purposes over \$151,000, or \$3 for \$1. These two items alone give a practical demonstration of how home missions builds and enlarges our denominations.

The following taken from the General Secretary's Annual Report of 1919 may be of some interest: "At the close of this year, March 31, 1919, there is in the hands of the general treasurer on the 'Special City Mission Fund,' \$33,297.42. There is also in the treasury, \$9,952.96 for the building at Alcalde, New Mexico, with a commendable balance in the current fund with which to begin the new year. We are gratified that with all the hindrances of the past winter, with the increased expense at so many places, that we can begin the new year out of debt."

The one great need of our denomination just now is a holy ambition to extend Christ's kingdom by building a larger denomination, so as to create a larger resource for all departments of the church. This can be done only through home mission extension.

The answer belongs to the church. To enlarge will take more means. Since pastors are needing more for a mere living, it will take more home mission money next year to maintain what we have to say nothing about extending our work. We must pay our

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missionaries more to hold them, and if the Home Missionary Society plans to extend the denomination, the Church must give a more liberal support to the work of home missions. It is up to our conference to show our faith in the work and extension of our denomination by planning "bigger and better things" for our home mission work. This can be done not only by increasing our gifts, but in a continued educational program, by keeping home missions to the front in each local church, by seeing that home missions get a rightful place on every conference program of Christian Endeavor, Sunday school, ministerial, and W. M. A. conventions.

Let us as a conference do our commensurate part for this extension department of our denominational life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. YINGLING,
Committee.

NO. 17--REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATION.

The Committee on Conference Relations would recommend the following:

That Jas. A. Robinson, S. W. Keister, and Fred L. Dennis be received in their transfers.

That R. E. Pennick be granted a certificate of transfer to Allegheny conference.

That Virgil Mayne be given a certificate of transfer as a Licentiate in the Second Year's Course of Reading.

That G. B. Weaver, R. H. Le Fever, and E. L. Smith be received subject to their transfer.

That J. W. Flory be granted a superannuated relation. That D. R. Wilson be transferred to the Presbyterian church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. REPLOGLE,
J. P. HENDRIX,
W. I. UNDERWOOD,
Committee.

NO. 18--REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECOND YEAR READING COURSE.

The following brethren appeared before the committee.

H. E. Clarke, S. A. Brill, J. P. Hendrix, and C. E. Fryman.

H. E. Clarke, now attending the Seminary is hereby recommended to be passed to Third Year.

S. A. Brill, having graduated from Bonebrake Seminary is hereby referred to Committee on Elders' Orders.

Virgil Mayne referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

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J. P. Hendrix and C. E. Fryman, having completed very satisfactory the Second Year are passed to Third Year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MAYNE, *Chairman*

W. I. UNDERWOOD,

C. McNELLY

Committee.

NO. 19—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

There is no question about the need of the world. The collapse of Germany's plan to fasten her rule upon the world has released forces that for long years were held in obedience. The whole world seems to be existing over a seething volcano. Radical forces that were scarcely tolerated a few years ago, are now grasping after world dominion. Institutions whose roots seemed to be planted securely in the world's civilization have been torn up and thrown away forever. And no one seems to be sure that the things that remain, are here to stay. Many of the countries of Europe will have the chance to build on new foundations, and wholly out of new material. There are wonderful possibilities for these countries, if the building is to be done by men of moral character and constructive vision. But only distress and disaster will result if leadership is entrusted to vicious and irresponsible men.

The new forces that are influencing the world for either weal or woe, are being felt in non-Christian lands. The peoples of the Orient are beginning to look beyond their own borders, and catch a world vision. They are becoming conscious of their own latent powers, and their possibilities of social and industrial development. Their contact with the greed and graft of American profiteers does not tend to give them lofty ideas of American life or American Christianity. They are catching the restless spirit of the world. They are dissatisfied with things as they now are with old ideas, and old institutions, and old ways of doing things.

This great, seething mass of humanity, dissatisfied with social, industrial, and religious conditions, ready to rally to the cry of anarchy and confusion, presents a mighty problem to the Church of God. We believe that Jesus Christ is equal to any emergency, and able to save nations and civilizations as well as individuals. We believe that he is able to handle the situation in times of world crisis as well as in times of peace and security. He is the one great remedy for Europe, Africa, and Asia, as well as for America, and the rest of the world.

But our Lord always works through his people. The question is as to whether the Church possesses a vital godliness, a consecration to Jesus Christ, a passion for the souls of men, a passion for Christian world conquest to a sufficient degree to meet these cry-

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ing needs; to release the power and emergency of our Lord in the saving of the world.

And there are those who say that the Church is in no condition to undertake this mighty task; that the Church has grown worldly and unconcerned; that she has not maintained a vital union with Jesus Christ; that she has not the spirit and passion that are necessary for world conquest. In Scarborough's little book entitled "Recruits for World Conquests," he tells of a brilliant young woman who was drifting from the Church and from Christ. She said: "I go to God's house and find no God. I do not hear his voice in sermon or song. His grip is not in the hand of fellowship. I hear not yearnings for the lost in the words, nor see it in the faces of God's people. There is no God in the temple where my people worship?" It may be that her trouble is a personal one, but more likely it is a congregational one. Too often a spirit of worldliness, and unconcern prevails among churches and Christian people. But I am sure that it would be false and unfair to charge all of God's people with worldliness, and indifference, and spiritual inefficiency. The Church, with all her shortcomings, has not entirely lost her vision or her passion for world conquest.

It will be the task of those who know our Lord to awaken others from their lethargy, and give them the courage and passion that is necessary to accomplish the end we have in view. To this end, we will organize mission study classes, put our best effort into the preparation and delivery of our missionary sermons, and seek in every way possible to lead the members of our Churches to a vital union with Jesus Christ, and to an intelligent desire to carry his name into all parts of the world. We are sure that Christ in the hearts of the people is the only cure for the sin and the unrest of the world.

We are in hearty accord with the missionary goals set up by the last General conference and will cheerfully assume our share of the obligations and responsibilities. In order properly to support our missionaries, and mission fields, supplying salaries and missionary equipment, we will encourage individual churches and pastoral charges to support individual missionaries in addition to their regular benevolence budget.

For many years we have worked under Dr. S. S. Hough with unfaltering confidence in his Christian character and splendid leadership. Our love and confidence will go with him in his new field of endeavor. We pledge our confidence and loyal support to Bishop A. T. Howard in directing the affairs of the Foreign Missionary Society. We renew our vows of consecration to Jesus Christ the great head of the Church in his program of world conquest.

S. E. RASEY,

Committee.

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No. 20—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ERECTION.

As the Church is the bride of our Lord, it is necessary that the Church house needs to be an appropriate edifice in which the bride is to dwell. As a base of operation the temple must be of the highest commanding presence to do the kind of work, that the present world-wide movements demand. Neither can our United Enlistment Movement hope to achieve her cherished goals without properly equipped sanctuaries, from which to teach, impress, evangelize and organize our diversified and materialistic population.

Large physical equipment is a challenge for larger and better work; while the sacrifice in making such equipment helps to pave the way for spiritual power. The Lord invites us to prove him by offerings; and see if he will not open the windows of heaven toward us. The Bible teaches that the sanctuary should be the best equipped, most artistic and most costly of all buildings. Indeed it must be so, to give the work of the Church high character and a commanding influence. When we make the Church plant better and more efficient than the day school plant, we hold before the churchless through the fact that God's book and wisdom constitute a greater factor to life than man's books and wisdom. Our devotion in terms of overlaid pure gold and spacious courts, stand as a living testimony for one who is above all earthly projects.

To attempt this high ideal in sanctuary beauty, and completeness, in the Master's name, will give God a deep channel to send back to the soul spiritual beauty and completeness. Hence how fitting and proper that our denomination have a strong Church Erection Society to help and encourage proper church building. Let us greatly cherish these fifty years of service of this society, and in each Church celebrate this half-century mark. From a humble beginning, it has grown to a place of large service; and for every dollar expended, it has brought back to the Church many dollars and much consecrated life.

Finally, let us *resolve*,

(1) To express our gratitude to Almighty God for its triumphant history, and commend our noble secretary, Doctor Siddall, for his splendid labor.

(2) Let us covenant with God to build beautiful and well equipped modern churches, and make the Church Erection Society able to help and encourage all weak churches and mission stations to have the same blessings as stronger churches.

Respectfully submitted,

IVORY ZIMMERMAN,

Committee.

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NO. 21—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY AND FINANCE.

Resolved that,

All ministers claiming minimum salary should make their claim before the close of the Annual Conference session to the Boundary and Finance Committee.

J. M. REPLOGLE,
Committee.

NO. 22—"MOSES, THE PRACTICAL MAN"—J. H. DUTTON, D.D.—
NOT RECEIVED.

NO. 23—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' ORDERS.

There appeared before the Committee on Elders' Orders, Samuel L. Brill. He was examined according to the questions in the Discipline, and gave evidence of being sound in doctrine, clean of life, thorough of preparation, and readiness in scriptural proofs. We recommend that he be ordained to the office of Elder, in the United Brethren Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. STEPHENS,
A. A. BARNHART,
E. R. TURNER,
Committee.

NO. 24—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Brethren in the ministry, friends of the Sunday School: Ours is a marvelous opportunity, and a stupendous responsibility. The world is reaching after God. The cry of the millions is, "Show us the Father and it sufficeth us." From the time of Job the heart whisperings have been "O, that I knew where I might find him." These cries and these heart longings come as a challenge to the Christian leadership of our Sunday schools. Will we accept the challenge? Brethren, Brethren! By the grace of God, we will. The task is hard, and calls for strong, brainy, broad minded, liberal, energetic, consciences Christian men and women, men and women of good common sense, who are not afraid of the, "Thus saith the Lord." The best time to saturate the world with the grandest plea beneath the shining sun, is now. Let us do it.

"Co-operation," is one of the big words of this day. If the Sunday schools of our Church are to meet the needs of these anxious, throbbing hearts, and answer the more vital questions of the soul, she must make it her business to join hands with all our leaders, who have it upon their hearts to make for us a larger, a better, a more influential denomination. To this end, we heartily endorse the United Enlistment Campaign Movement. We also

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commend the work of our general secretary, Rev. Chas. W. Brewbaker, and pledge him our hearty support.

In consideration of the fore-going facts; we recommend to the Sunday schools of Miami conference.

1. A graded lesson Course in every school. They are Biblical, Evangelistic, Comprehensive, Closely Graded, Orderly and Progressive. Pedagogical, Practical, Adaptable.

2. An organized Men's Bible Class or Brotherhood in every school. This will add great strength to our schools, and help solve the Boy Problem.

3. A United Teachers' Training Drive this fall with a view to a training department in every school.

4. A big Fall Rally beginning Sunday, September 14, reaching the climax, Sunday, November 30. We must make up all losses and reach our twenty-five per cent. increase in enrollment.

5. Organizing of new schools where actually needed, with a view to establishing permanent United Brethren Churches.

6. A Great Evangelistic Campaign in all our schools beginning January first, for the purpose of winning every pupil for Christ and Church membership. Decision Day to be observed in every school.

7. Observance of the One-Hundredth Anniversary in 1920, of the organizing of the first known United Brethren Sunday school now in operation near Corydon, Indiana. This anniversary to be in connection with the United Enlistment Movement in its big education and financial campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. UNDERWOOD,

Committee.

NO. 25—SPIRITUAL LIFE AND EVANGELISM.

CHAS. W. BREWBAKER.

Man is a spiritual being and has not yet reached the religious standard for which he was created. He is also a sinner, and must be turned from sin to righteousness.

Sin is a fact, and I am glad that salvation is provided for man. Christian experience and spiritual growth are realities. How is he to be reached, and turned to God is the question? The answer is by means of the atonement as provided through Jesus Christ. In other words by evangelism. We must not forget that confession and evangelism go together. I will mention the following modes of evangelism.

1. Educational Evangelism. Bradford defines education as the, "Process by which inherent powers are to reach their highest and finest growth." One inherent power is the religious. Ed-

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ucation begins with the child. Educational evangelism is largely child evangelism. It is time for the Church to know what to do with her children. Our creeds have been made and meant largely for adults. We all believe that our children, who have died belong to God. Why not ring true concerning the multitudes of children that are alive. Bishop Hughes says that "Child evangelism should ring true to the sphere of childhood." Our United Enlistment Movement should mean every child won, and nurtured for Christ and the Church.

2. Pastoral Evangelism. The pastor must be a soul winner. When he loses this art he has lost all. Love for souls must be the impelling force and factor in his ministry; love for the souls of little children; love for the souls of boys and girls; love for the souls of young people; love for the souls of men and women; love for the souls of adults; love for the souls of the aged; love as a growing passion; love like Jesus had for the lost. Position salary, budget, and all else must be secondary.

The pastor must preach Christ as he is, a real Personal Savior, not as a mystical, weird, misunderstood historical personality. Pastoral evangelism means personal evangelism, it means group evangelism, it means that the pastor plans and directs his own evangelistic programs, ploughs his own soil, sows his own seed, cultivates his own plants, and gathers the harvest. Our Church needs to go back to pastoral evangelism. Every pastor should "do the work of an evangelist."

3. Vocational or Professional evangelism. Eph. 4:11 says, "And he gave some to be apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers." The professional evangelist must be called of God. He must be the best type of Christian manhood with strong personality, intelligent, Biblical, and clean in his moral and social life. An organizer, one who does thorough work, and brings results. He must keep in the background, but preach Christ.

4. The whole denomination should be evangelistic. Every local church should plan, and organize its agencies, for this work, then victory is sure. The pastor is largely responsible for success in soul winning. The Official Board, the Sunday school, the Young People's Society, the Otterbein Guild, the Ladies' Aid, the Brotherhood should be enlisted as a praying and working unit. Evangelism must be studied, planned, and then practiced.

II. Spiritual Life. There are some wrong notions of spirituality. After conversion comes spiritual growth. Let us keep in

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mind that there are natural laws in the spiritual world—one is the law of growth, “First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear,” “And Jesus grew in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and men.” Jesus said to Peter, “Feed My Lambs.”

Jesus recognized, and believed in the law of growth—after he called his disciples, he not only set them a Holy example, but taught them for nearly three years, and when he ascended to the Father, he said, “Go Teach.” That is the commission of the church now. That is its supreme function. Ignorance brings death, wisdom produces life.

1. One’s spiritual life, when he comes to years of accountability, of a consciousness of right and wrong, and has accepted Christ as his personal Savior is largely determined by: (1) His parentage—in other words heredity which is, “The law through which the individual receives from his parents by birth his chief vital forces and tendencies, his physical and spiritual capital.” (2) His environment—which, “Is the sum of the influences and agencies that effect him from without.” (3) His instruction and training. “My people perish for the lack of knowledge, Yes God’s people, his Church members.” Give God’s people a vision, and give them big tasks, and they will grow spiritually. Where there is no vision the people perish.

II. Agencies at hand for the development of the spiritual life.

True spiritual life has to do with right relations to God and society, it really means right conduct, which is but an outward expression of the inner life. We must emphasize the home and the church, as basic to spiritual culture, and growth. These are responsible for proper instruction and prayer practice, bible study, good reading, church attendance and the like.

III. Need for a new Spiritual emphasis.

The church needs to-day as never before to be directed and energized by the Holy Ghost. (1) The pastor must first of all be spirit filled, “How can the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into a pit.” (2) Church officers and church organizations must be with the pastors, all must tarry in the Upper rooms. Wait on Him, He is real, He will give the needed wisdom, power and leadership.

NO. 25a—REPORT OF DEACONESS.

Dayton, Ohio, August, 28, 1919.

Reports—1918, 31; 1919, 43; total, 74.

Ministers reporting—1918, 23; 1919, 29; total, 52.

Letters sent to all the pastors twice during year.

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Expenses for Elementary Division.

To postage	\$3.44
To stationery	1.10
To Quinnus Mul. Co.....	4.85

Total\$9.39

ELIA F. HAMILTON,
Superintendent.

Survey of the Elementary Division.

By Elementary Division is meant Cradle Roll, Beginners', Primary, and Junior departments, including the first thirteen years of child life.

Name of conference—Miami.

There were 74 reports, 12 pastors not reporting.

1. Number on Cradle Roll (enrolling children under four years of age) — 1,587.

2. Have you a Cradle Roll Class in your Sunday school?—13.
If so, do you use "Object Lessons for the Cradle Roll"?—2.

3. Are you guided in your work by the new Cradle Roll Standard?—5.

1. Numbers in Beginners' Class or Department? (Ages 4 and 5).—1,115.

2. Do they use Graded Lessons?—40.

3. Do they meet in a separate room?—37.

Do they have a separate program throughout?—20.

4. If meeting in main room, is there a curtained corner for them?—9.

5. Are you giving pupils credit according to the newly-adopted system?—6.

6. How many Beginners' teachers read one specialization book a year?—11.

7. Are you guided in your work by the new Beginners' Standard?—8.

1. Number in Primary Class or Department (Ages 6, 7, and 8).—1,554.

2. Do they use Graded Lessons?—37.

3. Do they meet in a separate room?—37.

Do they have a separate program throughout?—19.

4. If meeting in main room is there a curtained corner for them?—7.

5. Are you giving pupils credit according to the newly-adopted system?—9.

6. How many Primary teachers read one specialization book a year?—16.

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7. Are you guided in your work by the new Primary Standard?
—10.

1. Number in Junior Class or Department. (Ages 9, 10, 11, and 12).—1,903.

2. Do they use the Graded Lessons?—30.

3. Do they meet in a separate room?—25.

Do they have a separate program throughout?—10.

4. If meeting in main room do they have a particular part in the program?—8.

5. Are you giving pupils credit according to the newly-adopted system?—11.

6. How many Junior teachers read one specialization book a year?—27.

7. Are you guided in your work by the new Junior Standard?
—10.

NO. 26—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The Organization of Christian Endeavor is taking her position in the vanguard of the onward movement of the Kingdom of God.

Young life because of its vision, because of the many days to live is realizing the abundant service that may be rendered.

Great movements are on for the conservation of the Christian Endeavor energy and enthusiasm.

The Alumni Association has been launched.

The Christian Endeavor Crusade has begun its part in the hastening of the Coming of Our Lord.

The Crusade Movement means the Christian Endeavor Young People enlisted in winning all the Young People of the World for Christ.

These are great days for the Christian Endeavor Organization, but I want to tell you something about Miami Christian Endeavor Union.

Miami Union enjoyed a fine year just closed. Some venturing was done, but we are glad to report that the venturing paid.

The Outdoor Convention at the Miami Valley Chautauqua Ground was a success. Not quite up to our hopes, but yet surpassing all other conventions in registrations. The spiritual atmosphere was excellent.

We have learned that our Young People, even when surrounded by many attractions, will take a part in, and be interested in the work of the Kingdom.

Next July will find us again in Convention at the Chautauqua Grounds.

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Objectives.

First—A more effective Union Organization.

Second—A persistent drive for the realization of our financial plans:

\$500 for Otterbein Scholarship.

150 for Administrative expenses, and balance due on Clifton pledge.

This money to be raised under plan yet to be worked out. But based on not less than 25 cents per member.

Third—That the Watchword be pushed as the Young People's Organ of our Church.

As president of Miami Christian Endeavor, I wish to thank all persons who had part in making the successes of last year a possibility.

E. S. COMREY,

Committee.

NO. 27—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The importance of Christian Education is being emphasized to-day as never before in the history of our Church. It was very properly given a prominent place in the aims and goals of the Four Year Program adopted by the last general conference. We rejoice that the financial goals set for our educational institutions bids fair to be attained, and also that a vigorous effort is being made to increase the attendance, and trust that before the time has expired there shall have been an increase of 2,000 in the number of students attending our colleges and Seminary, and that 500 additional trained ministers, missionaries and educational leaders may have been added to our ranks.

Having seen to what extent our denomination has committed itself to the program of Christian Education, might we not stop to consider what constitutes truly Christian Education. Surely, no one would question the fact that Jesus Christ founded the Church for a definite purpose, and that that purpose is to carry out his command to make disciples of all nations. Christian Education, then, is such education as may be in accord with the purpose of the Church, and which will increase its efficiency in attaining the goal set by its Founder.

The starting point of all education is the home, and Christian Education gets its best start in the Christian home. Not only does the Christian home give the child its first lessons in Christian living, but should also encourage the child to acquire the fullest possible development in line with the purpose of its Heavenly Father. Furthermore, without the financial support coming from Christian homes the Church would have no educational institutions. Thus, the Christian home is of fundamental importance to Christian Education.

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When the child reaches school age, he usually enters the public school, and new influences begin to affect his life. The child in this formative period is obliged to associate with children from all kinds of homes, and to heed the instruction of teachers who frequently are not Christian. He enters an institution where the Bible is not studied, and where prayer is rarely offered. In some schools dancing is encouraged; in some, cigarette smoking may be seen unmolested on school premises; and in most of our public schools the atmosphere is altogether worldly. Is it any wonder that the child soon develops a view of life entirely contrary to that started in the Christian home. We lay great stress upon the importance of the child's higher education being secured in a Christian institution, yet we permit, with scarcely a question, our children to spend the larger part of the most pliable years of their life, when their habits and ideals are being formed, in a worldly and irreligious atmosphere. The Roman Catholic church appreciates the importance of this period, and under pain of excommunication forbids Catholic parents sending their children to public school whenever parochial schools are available. We do not approve of the doctrinal teachings, nor the political aspirations of Romanism, but we must admit that she has shown wonderful ability in keeping her people loyal. We, the evangelical churches, have the open Bible and the true gospel; how much more efficient might we be, if we only took better care of this most vitally important period in the child's life. Is it too much to say that if the church is to become really efficient, and the nation truly Christian, our children must be educated in Christian schools. It would certainly be preferable that our present public school system should be Christianized, but if this is not practicable, then shall we not, as is already being done in some localities, co-operate with other churches, in communities where needed, to establish church schools to take the place of irreligious public schools.

The Christian college is vitally important to the church in achieving its purpose of Christianizing all nations. Possibly, the greatest good the Christian college can do for our young people is to aid them in discovering the walk in life to which God is calling them. Parents and pastors can do no greater service to our young people than to encourage them to attend one of our church colleges, for at least a year or two, until they can get their bearings, and have a better opportunity of considering life from the view point of the Church's program and goal. Those who discover that God has called them to some form of definite Christian service should continue their preparation for such service in the church college and Seminary.

The Theological Seminary is the pinnacle of Christian Education. Every young man, or woman, in the United Brethren Church,

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who believes that God has called him to definite Christian service ought to plan to complete his training at Bonebrake Theological Seminary. Graduates of our colleges who enter the ministry without a theological training are only "half educated"; they may seem to satisfy for a time, but they are very likely to cause spiritual indigestion to develop in their congregations. It is a sad fact that such a small proportion of United Brethren young people, planning for definite Christian service, attend our Seminary. The cause for this situation may be found to be largely financial. It is a well-known fact that the majority of our ministers come from the poorer homes. Many have had to struggle to get through the college, often finishing there with indebtedness; after this, to spend three additional years in the Seminary seems out of the question..

You ask, What about beneficiary aid for students? Yes, that is available, and is used by many students to help them through college, but there is a limit to the amount of aid a student may secure. Furthermore, all beneficiary aid loans must be paid back within a few years after graduation, and the student knows that after he graduates, and enters upon the ministry he can only hope for some years to receive a salary too low for more than a bare living. The greatest need in order to refill the depleted ranks of the ministry is, as I see it, for conferences, churches, conference Christian Endeavor Unions and individuals, to take up the matter, recently so ably advocated in the Telescope, of securing abundant scholarships for our ministerial students, that they may complete their preparation and enter upon their duties without indebtedness, but with courage born of the fact that they know the Church has been and is back of them, and is interested in their welfare as well as they in the welfare of the Church.

Our United Enlistment Movement is just what the Church needs at this time, but it shall fail of permanent good, unless it lays proper emphasis upon Christian Education, and in its campaign for funds gives the ministers of the Church the encouragement they so much need. We approve of the proposal to include an item of \$1,000,000 for a pension fund for our superannuated ministers, but there should be a like fund raised for scholarships for ministerial students in our colleges and Seminary. Such action would place our ministry, Bonebrake Seminary and Christian Education on the basis they so much deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. MUMMA,

Committee.

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NO. 28—OTTERBEIN COLLEGE and the

UNITED ENLISTMENT MOVEMENT.

Under the impulse of a new denominational awakening our educational problem as our financial and our missionary problem must cease to be sectional, and must become denominational. Unfortunately in the history of our educational work we have allowed our colleges and academies to be established by conferences, by groups of zealous men and almost by individuals in any place, and under any circumstances, purely at will, and utterly without authority and ecclesiastical control. Later they knocked at the door of church authority, asked to be taken in as children of the Church, and usually received such recognition, and were given such support as was possible.

Thirty-four such institutions have come into being, only a few of which still exist, and some of these have a very precarious future. It is doubtful if any of our institutions ever had full denominational recognition in the beginning, unless perhaps it was our theological school. Even at this late date it is a question whether any of our colleges can truthfully claim the complete denominational control and support it deserves. The colleges are sectional institutions controlled by local or conference boards of trustees. Even the Board of Education seems to have little influence or control over them. An institution can be established, opened, closed, moved, sold, or given away at the will of these people without regard to the Church as a whole.

The legitimate outcome of this system is that lacking centralized control, and authority the entire system has failed of its highest privilege. We have not developed a denominational consciousness as such in educational matters. Our work has been provincial both in extent and in quality. The attendance has been small and usually local. The highest purpose of the college has never been clearly brought before our people.

However, with the heroic action of our last General conference at least one illustration of centralized co-operative effort was made possible. A denominational goal of money was set for the colleges. The inspiring, but reasonable figure of \$2,000,000 for the quadrennium was fixed. With the finest kind of team work from Bishops to the humblest laymen, one school after another is realizing its share of the amount.

Another goal of an increase in students double the normal attendance was set. With commendable purpose the leaders of the United Enlistment Movement are making a survey, but results are not tabulated, and little of practical progress has been made. An unofficial survey of the territory occupied by Otterbein Col-

lege reveals the urgent need of a united movement for an enlistment of students, which after all is the ultimate and paramount need. Following are some of the conditions:

In the light of the above situation certain very vital measures must be taken.

1. The results of the survey must be tabulated, charted and published so that all our people may know the conditions.

2. A period must be set apart for publicity, agitation, solicitation and enlistment of students for colleges and Seminary. This must be done and recognized as a United Brethren movement, and not as an Otterbein, Lebanon Valley, or any other college movement. Teams of speakers, special programs and literature, public meetings and advertising must be carried on for a period of time so that this may seem to the people to be a matter of vital concern. It must not be obscured by any other interest, however, worthy. The local colleges should co-operate, but not dominate the movement.

3. A greatly increased appropriation must be made in the conference budgets for the work of the colleges. At present the colleges are receiving annually from their conferences amounts that are amazingly small. Otterbein receives six cents (three postage stamps) per member annually for the support of its work. Even a full budget would not materially increase this amount. Larger budget appropriations must be made. Three times the present sum would not be unreasonable.

4. Along with all this must be a prayerful dedication of our children, and our money to the service of God and the Church.

NO. 29—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

The last decade has shown a greater advancement in the proper conception of our duty as stewards of the Lord, than any similar period of the Church's history.

The emphasis largely has been placed on the stewardship of money. This brought results. Later there has come a higher consideration; that of life surrender, with all that a man is and has belonging to the Lord.

We are the stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and Peter enjoins us to, "minister as good stewards one to another of the manifold grace of God." God gives us the Gospel for all men, and then the grace—that is—the help, the power to enable us to give it out. Therefore, stewards of every gift given by the Lord; mental, moral, physical and spiritual.

Proper stewardship involves several things.

1. A deep abiding conviction that it is our bounden duty to give self, service and substance to God. Not a general obligation, but an individual, personal obligation, as in the olden time Jesus

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sits over against the treasury, and observes how the people cast their money into the treasury. How this personal oversight of Jesus, causes one to feel the seriousness of the stewardship of life and material substance.

2. We must realize that God makes us responsible for giving the Gospel to all the world, and that as individuals we have not met our share of the task until we have done our utmost by life, service and money.

3. We must recognize the Lordship of Christ as well as a Savior. That it is His to command. That we are not proprietors or owners, but servants, custodians; and that He has the right to dictate the use of all we have. If thus we conform to His wishes He exalts us to the supreme and blessed place of partners with Him in the business and work of the Kingdom. "I will make you rulers over much," he says to the truthful servant. He cannot be Lord of a man's life and not of his substance. One has said, "He is either Lord of all or not Lord at all."

4. The supreme method of leading to the best and most complete stewardship is the promotion of the Spirituality of God's people. It is declared in Romans 8:5 that "they that are after," that is like or led by, the Spirit, "do mind the things of the Spirit." "He shall take of the things of mine and reveal them unto you," said Christ. No man will do his best until the Spirit gives to him a true conception of Christ and his suffering for us. Remember it was after the Holy Ghost had come upon them, that they had all things common, and "neither said any of them ought of the things which he possessed was his own." I declare no man will pour his life and substance at the Master's feet, until by the Holy Spirit, his soul is aflame with love to Christ.

Dr. J. A. Gordon, whose Boston Church gave so much missionary money, said, "I am tempted never to ask again for a cent of money for God, but to spend my energy in getting Christians spiritualized; assured that then they will become liberalized." It I am a helpful example to others, like Paul, "I must be crucified with Christ," I must suffer with him. The truest offering has in it the sacrificial element. After a period of prayer in Dr. Gordon's Church, they gave \$10,000 for missions, while the year previous they gave but \$5,000. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

5. Intercession is vital and important. We must be intercessors and lead our people to intercession. Dr. Hough made no mistake when he launched his great program by intercession, first. I have no faith that any part of the enlistment program will outrun the spirit of intercession. A conference in the M. E. Church Centenary movement that had given only a few thousands of dollars, after the period of intercession gave \$60,000. Every

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undertaking of the early Church was carried to a successful issue by their constant employment of the irresistible, hidden, conquering force of prayer.

6. We must have more education. Our people must be informed as to the obligation, method, and blessedness of giving, if we reach the goal of 50,000 tithers. We must see that at least, the tithe is the rule for all, and more for some must be given. The supreme test of our stewardship as a Church is upon us. Will we stand the test? This Church has never been challenged as now. Will she meet the challenge? She dare not falter. Our very existence as a denomination depends upon this supreme effort. Our part in evangelizing the world depends upon it. We will not be slackers.

The periodicals and various departments of our Church are falling in line with this, the greatest movement for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ our Church has ever had. We approve the campaign planned for securing tithers in October and November, and will co-operate in the same, to the best of our ability, in making it a great success and blessing.

J. W. KILBOURNE,
Committee.

No. 30—"THE CHALLENGE OF THE NEW ERA TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH"—W. S. KESSLER. NOT RECEIVED.

No. 31—"SACRIFICE, THE PRICE OF SUCCESS"—BISHOP MATHEWS NOT RECEIVED.

No. 32—BISHOP HOWARD'S ADDRESS.

I want to tell you that the eternal destinies of men and women, particularly young people, may depend on the "bite" you put into this report. We are *responsible*, actually responsible, for carrying the Gospel to 5,000,000 human beings. The Methodists, Presbyterians, or others are not going to do our work for us. Either we will carry out this great trust or it will not be done. It means much to be a minister here or anywhere in these great days.

Interdenominational Committees have set aside for our Church areas of territory containing an aggregate population of 5,000,000 people. Our Church employing the Foreign department as its channel, is seeking to do for these 5,000,000 people as we would be done by.

We are in pretty substantial agreement that our greatest blessings have come through the Christian's Book, the Christian home, the Christian church, school, physicians and literature. It is just these common blessings we are trying to make possible to our spiritual wards across the seas.

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After the work of fixing the boundaries of our responsibility was completed the next important step was to secure adequate schools for the training of native ministers. In Africa our ministers pursue the course of reading required by our Discipline. In our other fields our men are trained in union theological schools, which have the backing of from two to eight different mission boards.

Already 36 preachers have been ordained, and besides there are 41 unordained preachers, and 134 other workers. These men preach, and the people sing in nine different languages. Our missionaries are publishing Scripture, hymns, and other literature in all these languages.

Work for young men and women is conducted through Christian schools, and also Bible and English classes, in order that both young men and young women may be brought into the Church, and these be united in Christian marriage, and the Christian home be established in the midst of unchristian surroundings. These rising churches abroad face very definite and challenging responsibilities.

We must of course pay the salaries of nearly 200 persons who are already on our Foreign Mission staff. We must continue to pay rentals in certain places, and also pay traveling expenses, and maintain the medical work we now have. But there are certain advances that must be made.

In Africa the obligation of carrying the Gospel to 5,000 towns and villages is upon us. We do not dare say we will take a longer period than ten years, to reach these towns in a somewhat adequate way. We are working in four language areas. To make it possible for the missionaries in each of these language areas to give themselves to the work of preaching, to train boys and girls in industry, to support four dispensaries, and to provide for the necessary furloughs a staff of thirty-five missionaries is absolutely essential.

In Puerto Rico strong foundation work has been done. The great need is a church building at Yauco. The first estimate of the cost was \$8,000, but now because of the rise in prices the estimate has advanced to \$12,500. This church will be in the center of a great district.

In Japan mission funds are needed to purchase a lot for a church in Kobe, one of Japan's two greatest sea ports. Kobe is a city with a population of a half a million. Our flourishing church and Sunday school there have worshipped in a rented dwelling for seven years. They will try to build the church building themselves, but they cannot possibly buy the lot where it ought to be.

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In China two churches, costing \$25,000 each are needed. One in Canton, and one in Siu Lam. Each of these will be in the center of a population of 4,000,000 people for whose spiritual welfare our Church is responsible. Three missionary residences are also needed. As suitable residences cannot be rented.

In Manila, \$25,000, is most urgently needed to provide a home for our congregation there, and a dormitory for some of the 25,000 Ilocano young men who live in the city, and find our Church their natural home. In the government schools in the Philippines the old religious foundations have been removed and nothing is being given to take its place.

Is it not the duty of the loyal American citizens to give to these people in the Far East, who have accepted our form of government that knowledge that will fill that *form* with the Christian spirit without which the form cannot long be anything but an empty husk?

Our tasks abroad are big and very definite. In the name of the boys and girls, men and women who are more dependent on you for spiritual life than they know, the Foreign Society most earnestly requests your hearty, and prayerful co-operation.

With very sincere regards, I am your co-worker,

A. T. HOWARD, *Bishop*.

No. 33—"THE CHURCH AND THE NEED IN THE HOME FIELD"—DR. CAMP—NOT RECEIVED.

No. 34—"THE CALL FOR LEADERSHIP"—DR. BURTNER—NOT RECEIVED.

No. 35—"A WORKMAN THAT NEED NOT BE ASHAMED"—PROF. ROY CONOVER—NOT RECEIVED.

No. 36—AIMS OF THE UNITED ENLISTMENT MOVEMENT.

Introductory:

The United Enlistment Movement is calling for the co-operation of every conference, every local church, and every member in the denomination, and you have perfect right to ask the question as to the aims of such a movement and if the Movement cannot justify itself, then it has no right to expect your whole hearted co-operation. We believe we have such justification and ask you to hear us through.

I. I think I may safely say that the outstanding aim of the United Enlistment Movement is to properly prepare the United Brethren Church to take her share of the task before the Christian forces in this New Era.

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This involves a fact, two presuppositions, and a conclusion:

- (1) The Fact:—The Church Faces a New Era.
- (2) The Presuppositions.
 - (a). It presupposes that as a Church we have something worth while to contribute to the Christian forces in the great struggle that is now on.
 - (b). It also presupposes the fact that God wants us in the fight, and that there is tremendous danger to the Church which fails to respond to the call of God.
 - (c). Is it not fair then to conclude that if we have something worth while to give and that God wants that something, that we United Brethren who profess to acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and Master, will willingly and gladly offer ourselves and all we have when we come once to see the actual situation.
- (3) The Conclusion.

The aims of the Movement then so far as the Church as a whole is concerned are three fold:

1. The Movement attempts to discover the measure of our tasks and the resources at our command with which to meet them.
2. The Movement hopes to aid the whole church to discover the will of God for her in this day.
3. The Movement seeks to *enlist*, *unify*, and *train* the whole church for our share of the task.

Brethren, this movement, if successful, will be a veritable God-send to our denomination. It may not be quite correct to say that we have broken down in our general work, but it is correct to say that we are moving altogether too slowly.

II. The second aim of this Movement is to stimulate and reinforce our conference organizations.

1. It seeks to co-operate with you in great educational and training agencies.

- (1)—District training meetings.

- (2)—Local Church inspirational meetings.

- (3)—Final District inspirational congresses.

2. It seeks to strengthen the financial agencies of the conference.

III. The third aim of the Movement is to revitalize and make alive the membership of the local church.

Our denominational leaders are keenly aware that here we touch a vital and fundamental element of the Movement for, unless the membership of the local churches are thus vitalized and made alive, our organized life in the conferences and the general work, will be very seriously hindered if not wholly defeated.

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The Movement proposes for the Local Church:

1. To awaken a new interest in the reading and study of God's Word.

2. A return to the sanctuary of prayer.

3. To organize a partnership between every member of the Church and Jesus Christ the head of the Church.

Pastors, you have never had such an opportunity to arouse the local churches as now. You will do well to follow every detail of the Movement, and carry them into the life and experience of the local church.

IV. The fourth aim of the Movement is to carefully harvest the results. These results may be tabulated as follows:

1. The gathering into the Kingdom of multitudes of the unsaved through a great evangelistic campaign.

2. Developing of community programs that will put our unsaved constituencies in touch with the work of the Church.

3. Call out and train the workmen necessary to do the work of the Kingdom.

4. To systematically gather and use the enlarged gifts of our people in the interest of the Kingdom of God.

No. 37—"THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE AND PROPERTY"—DR. O. T. DEEVER—NOT RECEIVED.

No. 38—"ADEQUATE ORGANIZATION"—SUPT. A. R. CLIPPINGER—NOT RECEIVED.

No. 38a—DINNER COMMITTEE REPORT.

Received	\$27.64
Dinner	15.60
Ice Cream	4.00
Cake	1.80
Up keep of Band	6.24
Total	\$27.64

J. A. PANTLE,
W. I. UNDERWOOD,
Committee.

No. 39—DAVID, ISRAEL'S GREATEST KING.

In I. Samuel we read these words, "The Lord hath sought Him a man after his own heart." The context reveals the fact that King David was that man. Critics take exception to this caricature as applied to David, but whom God cleanses is clean in deed. A careful study of the life and character of this great man, will convince us that David is the man referred to by the Lord.

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In the early part of his life, David met with many reverses, and was very much persecuted, but God protected him, and he became a great man.

David's anointing by Samuel at the command of the Lord is evidence of his acceptance of the Lord. David and Jonathan became very close friends and worked harmoniously together.

David had the great pleasure of bringing the ark from Kirjath-jearim, where it had been hidden away, and had an ambition to build a house for the Lord. In this, however, he was disappointed, because he was a man of war, and Solomon his successor, was chosen to this great task.

David's writings are most inspirational, and when we study them we are carried into the very presence of God.

David's greatness did not consist in his high intellectuality, or in his official power and ability to rule nations. By a careful study of his character we learn that he attained to greatness by observing and following those principles that make the highest ideals of manhood and womanhood. There are several reasons why David was recognized as "a man after God's own heart." The first of these is that—he repented of his sins.

The next best thing to not having sinned is to repent of sin, and this David did according to the fifty-first psalm, known as the penitential psalm. This repentance resulted in great good to the Kingdom of the Lord and to the world. Another reason is—That of his faithful service. David gave himself to unstinted service to the Lord. O, the talent, the powers, the ability, the services that are withheld from the Lord and his Kingdom, simply because men refuse to give up sin, and consecrate themselves to the Lord and his service.

David was a man of great faith, and this also brought him into Divine favor. Faith is inseparably connected with service. As a faith hero, his mind was stayed on God, and he antagonized the evils of his time with the utmost vehemence. Our faith like that of David's will be fruitful of good works, and as his beautiful Psalms are to this day an abiding, divine inspiration to God's people, so our achievements will be a blessing to the generations of the future.

David also had communion with God, and to him God was not a myth or a phantom, but a glorious living reality. God is ever inviting his people to have communion with Him, and this is man's great privilege.

David's delight was in the Word of God. He studied God's Word until it became a part of his life.

He was devoted to the coming Messianic King, and God loves those who love His Son. He foresaw Christ's coming, and honored him as his Lord and King, testifying in his prophetic Psalms of

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his incarnation, his death, his resurrection and his ascension into heaven.

David loved his fellowmen. Though he was much persecuted for righteousness sake, yet his forbearance with his enemies indicated his amiability of character.

The Lord is seeking for men after His own heart to-day, and in this crisis of the world's history, the call for men to consecrate themselves wholly unreservedly to the Master's cause, comes with unequalled, unparalled force. Shall we respond to the call, or shall we by withholding our services from the Master, permit His Kingdom to crumble and suffer defeat?

May God, who is infinite in mercy and gracious in the bestowment of His love, touch our hearts as never before, and may the Kingdom of the Lord be ushered into the hearts of men and women speedily.

Then will the name of the Lord be glorified, His Kingdom prosper in the earth, and men be everlastingly saved for time and eternity by the power and blood of Jesus Christ.

C. E. PLACK,

Committee.

NO. 40—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FIRST YEAR READING.

G. R. Jacoby, passed to Second Year.

R. Love, F. Recob, Kenneth J. Scott, D. L. Hess and H. L. Myers, attending Otterbein College.

E. K. Rogers and W. I. Comfort, attending Wittenberg College.

W. I. Comfort will attend Seminary this Fall.

G. W. Duckwall, secretary, Y. M. C. A., at Dayton.

We recommend that the following named be continued in First Year:

W. I. Comfort, G. W. Duckwall, E. K. Rogers, R. Love, H. L. Myers, F. Recob, Kenneth J. Scott, and D. L. Hess.

E. S. COMREY,

J. M. REPLOGLE,

L. M. HOHN,

Committee.

NO. 41—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY

We, your committee, on Candidates for the Ministry, would report that Le Roy Smelker appeared before us. We found him clear in the doctrines of the Bible. He also showed a fine Christian Spirit. We, therefore, recommend that he receive license to preach the Gospel.

W. C. NISWONGER,

N. D. BEVIS,

C. W. SNYDER,

Committee.

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No. 42—REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER. For the Year Ending, August 31, 1919.

Receipts.

September 1, 1918, Cash on hand.....	\$ 72.99	
Budget Collections	23,990.57	
Home Missions, Special	3,125.76	
Foreign Missions, Special	2,215.39	
Ministerial Aid	1,143.97	
Otterbein Home	874.51	
Armenian Relief	2,278.57	
Borrowed Money	14,000.00	
Children's Day Collections	37.62	
Brotherhood Collections	2.00	
Refund on Printing.....	6.00	
Total receipts		\$47,746.58

Expenditures.

General Church Treasurer—		
Budget Benevolences	\$15,750.00	
Home Missions, Specials	3,125.76	
Foreign Mission, Specials	2,215.49	
Otterbein Home	874.51	
Armenian Relief	2,278.57	
Children's Day Collections	37.62	
Brotherhood Collections	2.00	
General Conference Expense	200.00	
Total		\$24,483.95
A. R. Clippinger, superintendent		2,500.00
Otterbein College		1,600.00
Borrowed Money		6,000.00
Miamisburg B. & L., For Clifton Church....		5,000.00
Kingsville Church Insurance		92.13
Appropriations.		
Carrmonte	\$ 200.00	
Cheviot	350.00	
Clifton	450.00	
College Hill	450.00	
Fairview	100.00	
Ft. McKinley	200.00	
Hamilton	450.00	
North Bend	150.00	
Piqua	450.00	
Total		\$ 2,800.00

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Ministerial Relief.

H. A. Bovey	\$ 150.00
T. F. Bushong	300.00
M. R. Geyer	100.00
C. W. Miller	200.00
J. P. Stewart	250.00
Mrs. W. K. Albright	75.00
Mrs. A. L. Billheimer	125.00
Mrs. R. E. Hemphill	250.00
Mrs. W. J. Pruner	100.00

Total	\$ 1,550.00
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Minimum Salary.

A. Dunkelberger, for 1918	\$ 48.00
A. Dunkelberger, for 1919	63.00
C. W. Snyder, for 1918	20.00
F. H. Bohn	120.00
J. A. Robinson	200.00
W. H. Klinefelter	120.00
M. O. Stine	100.00
C. E. Fryman	135.00
W. VanSaun	100.00
G. R. Jacoby	200.00
C. McNelley	200.00
J. L. Urich	145.00
B. F. Farris	80.00

Total	\$ 1,531.00
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Parsonage Rent Allowance—

High Street	\$ 200.00
Piqua	150.00

Total	\$ 350.00
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Church Extension Fund.

Sept. 3, 1918—W. M. VanSickle, Travel.....	\$ 3.00
Sept. 3, 1918—J. E. Yingling, Travel	1.65
Sept. 3, 1918—M. I. Comfort.....	1.50
Sept. 3, 1918—Central Tel. Co., Dr. Kurtz funeral	8.45
Oct. 1, 1918—W. M. VanSickle, Postage.....	4.75
Oct. 4, 1918—E. S. Comrey, Travel to Col- umbus	9.10
Oct. 4, 1918—M. I. Comfort, Travel to Col- umbus	7.50

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Oct. 4, 1918—J. H. Dutton, Travel to West- erville	6.39
Oct. 4, 1918—A. R. Clippinger, Travel to Westerville	5.00
Oct. 4, 1918—W. C. Niswonger, Travel to Westerville	5.11
Oct. 4, 1918—J. E. Yingling, Printing.....	10.99
Oct. 16, 1918—W. M. VanSickle, Travel	3.50
Oct. 16, 1918—U. B. P. H. Printing.....	14.00
Nov. 28, 1918—A. R. Clippinger, Postage....	5.00
Dec. 4, 1918—M. I. Comfort, Travel	1.50
Dec. 4, 1918—G. A. Wahl, Travel	.95
Dec. 4, 1918—E. S. Comrey, Travel	3.10
Dec. 4, 1918—W. C. Niswonger, Travel	1.72
Dec. 16, 1918—M. I. Comfort, Travel.....	1.50
Dec. 16, 1918—J. E. Yingling, Travel	1.65
Dec. 16, 1918—W. M. VanSickle, Travel	3.52
Dec. 30, 1918—Geo. Lambert, Int., Miamisburg	196.50
Dec. 30, 1918—Geo. Lambert, Int., Olivet...	75.00
Dec. 30, 1918—C. B. Riasch, Int., ...	72.50
Feb. 7, 1919—C. B. Riasch, Int., ...	33.00
Feb. 10, 1919—A. R. Clippinger, Postage ..	6.00
Feb. 18, 1919—U. B. P. H. Printing	225.00
Mar. 10, 1919—M. I. Comfort, Travel	1.85
Mar. 10, 1919—G. A. Wahl, Travel	.90
Mar. 10, 1919—W. C. Niswonger, Travel ...	.95
Mar. 19, 1919—U. B. P. H. Printing	57.55
Mar. 19, 1919—M. I. Comfort, Travel	1.50
Mar. 19, 1919—M. M. VanSickle, Travel....	2.00
Apr. 24, 1919—Miamisburg, B. & L. Troy Street Taxes	17.71
May 1, 1919—Quinius Multigraph Co. Ptg...	10.80
May 7, 1919—A. R. Clippinger, Ptg. and Postage	5.80
May 31, 1919—County Treasurer, Troy Street Taxes	108.77
May 31, 1919—County Treasurer, Troy Street Conservancy	62.82
June 6, 1919—G. A. Wahl, Travel.....	.75
June 6, 1919—W. C. Niswonger, Travel	.95
June 6, 1919—W. C. Niswonger, Record ...	1.00
June 6, 1919—M. I. Comfort, Travel	1.85
June 6, 1919—E. S. Comrey, Travel.....	1.60
June 23, 1919—Merchant's Natl. Bank, Int..	40.95
June 23, 1919—U. B. P. H. Printing.....	37.65
June 30, 1919—M. I. Comfort, Travel	1.35

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June 30, 1919—W. M. VanSickle, Travel ..	1.66
July 3, 1919—Geo. Lambert, Int., Miamisburg	187.50
July 3, 1919—Geo. Lambert, Int., Olivet....	75.00
Aug. 1, 1919—A. R. Clippinger, Postage and Ptg.	6.00
Aug. 13, 1919—A. R. Clippinger, Postage and Supplies	5.65
Aug. 25, 1919—W. A. Webber, Travel	2.42
Aug. 29, 1919—W. M. VanSickle, Secretary Salary	50.00
Aug. 29, 1919—W. M. VanSickle, Postage and Supplies	6.50
Aug. 29, 1919—E. E. Saul, Secretary Salary	35.00
Aug. 29, 1919—L. O. Miller, Treasurer Salary	100.00
Aug. 29, 1919—Genl. Ch. Treas., Int., 2,200.	132.00
Aug. 29, 1919—Genl. Ch. Treas., Int., 720....	43.20
Aug. 29, 1919—Postage and Tele. for the year	38.50
Aug. 30, 1919—Miami Conference Quartet...	20.00
Aug. 30, 1919—Middletown Quartet	6.00
Aug. 30, 1919—Ella Hamilton, Junior Work	9.40
Aug. 30, 1919—Mrs. N. D. Bevis, Junior Work, 1918	4.22
Total	\$ 1,787.78
Balance in Treasury	51.72
Total, balancing Credits	\$47,746.58

Condition of Conference Loans.

Clifton	\$ 2,000.00
Hamilton	1,936.00
Fairview	1,200.00
College Hill	3,850.00
Piqua	1,196.44
Cheviot	1,358.26
Troy Street	1,100.00
Kingsville, Insurance	92.13

Total	\$12,732.83
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Liabilities.

Borrowed Money.

Church Erection Society, For Clifton.....	\$ 5,000.00
Genl. Church Treas. For Riasch Notes.....	1,200.00
Current Funds	1,000.00
Evangelistic Funds....	720.00

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C. B. Riasch Note	1,650.00
Genl. Benevolences ...	3,000.00
Wm. Riasch, Jr.	550.00
Daniel Teter	850.00

Total \$13,970.00

STATEMENT OF BUDGET COLLECTIONS BY CHARGES.

	Budget	Paid	Ministerial Aid
Aley\$	60.00	\$ 60.00	
Arcanum	700.00	700.00	\$ 31.00
*Antioch	400.00	402.00	16.00
Beavertown	150.00	150.00	18.00
Brookville	425.00	425.00	30.00
Belmont	225.00	225.00	24.00
Caylor & Abbotsville ..	250.00	250.00	20.00
Clifton	125.00	126.00	13.88
Cheviot	90.00	90.00	13.00
Cherry Grove	325.00	325.00	22.00
Colerain	175.00	175.00	8.00
Cowden Memorial	750.00	750.00	40.64
Carrmonte	75.00	75.00	14.00
Columbus Ave.....	200.00	200.00	16.00
Clayton	525.00	525.00	6.21
Drexel Park	50.00	50.00	2.00
Eaton	250.00	250.00	
Euclid Ave.....	1,800.00	1,800.00	44.00
East Dayton	525.00	525.00	28.80
Eldorado	300.00	300.00	20.00
Ft. McKinley	85.00	85.00	28.00
Fairview	175.00	175.00	20.00
First Church	1,800.00	1,800.00	57.00
Lumbertown	650.00	650.00	30.00
Greenville	500.00	500.00	26.00
High Street	275.00	275.00	27.00
Hartford Street	500.00	500.00	32.00
Home Ave	350.00	400.00	20.00
Hamilton	175.00	175.31	20.00
Harrison	100.00	100.00	14.60
Ithaca & Verona	450.00	450.00	11.00
Lewisburg	475.00	475.00	24.00
Liberty	650.00	650.00	20.00
Lockington	300.00	300.00	13.25
Maple Park	25.00	25.00	
Miami Chapel	300.00	300.00	22.00
Miamisburg	200.00	200.00	

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	Budget	Paid	Ministeria Aid
Middletown	600.00	600.00	36.00
Millville	75.00	75.00	11.00
Mt. Zion	25.00	25.00	
*Mt. Healthy	200.00	202.40	
*New Hope	325.00	335.00	19.00
New Haven	500.00	500.00	20.00
Norris Memorial	75.00	75.00	11.00
Newport	180.00	180.00	
North Bend	215.00	215.00	7.00
New Madison	450.00	450.00	31.50
Otterbein	375.00	375.00	16.00
Otterbein Home	150.00	150.00	15.00
Olivet	150.00	150.00	22.00
Oak Street	1,250.00	1,250.00	35.00
Piqua	300.00	300.00	18.00
Potsdam	300.00	300.00	18.00
Rosewood	400.00	400.00	20.00
Rossburg	300.00	300.00	
Sulphur Grove & Beard- shear	235.00	235.00	20.00
*Lagonda Ave.....	475.00	475.08	20.00
*Springboro	95.00	105.00	7.93
Troy Street	120.00	120.00	
Union City	500.00	500.00	22.00
*Union Chapel	125.00	126.78	7.00
*Vandalia	400.00	401.00	12.23
Waterhouse	250.00	250.00	17.68
West Elkton.....	500.00	500.00	23.35
West Manchester	300.00	300.00	
Wagner	120.00	120.00	9.00
Wagner bal., 1918—\$57.00			
Willey Memorial	175.00	175.00	
West Middletown	250.00	250.00	
Yorkshire	30.00	30.00	
Total	\$23,855.00	\$23,990.57	\$ 1,143.07

*Charges thus marked overpaid their apportionments.

L. O. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

No. 43—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION GREETINGS.

It is a joy to me to bring to you the greetings of Miami Branch Women's Missionary Association.

I do not come with eloquence or oratory—others, better fitted, have already brought these. I come only as the representative of

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a great body of women in Miami conference, who, in a special way, are interested in, and working for the cause of Missions.

We had a wonderful Branch Meeting at New Madison. Some of you were there—we would have welcomed all of you. Rev. Mumma and Dr. Clippinger represented you splendidly.

At one of the sessions, Mother Ellis reviewed the early history of the Women's Missionary Association and told how, in the time of opposition from some, Rev. Flickinger had said, "Brethren, they desire to be to us a help-mate." That desire has not changed. We desire, more than ever, to be your ally in every good work.

We have a great program for the coming year, in line with the progressive work being done by the Church. The Summer Evangel voices our spirit in the old Panama canal-diggers song:

"Got any rivers they say are uncrossable?
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?
We specialize on the wholly impossible
Doing the thing that no *man* can do."

Not in our strength, but with God's help we mean to reach our goals.

The lines of study for the coming year are exceedingly timely—"Christian Americanization," being the Home Study Book, and "The Crusade of Compassion," the Foreign Book.

As the locals take up these studies, I would bespeak for them, what we have learned to know we can rely upon, the interest and help of each of the pastors of Miami conference.

If I have brought to you, in some small measure, the spirit of co-operation which Miami Branch W. M. A. feels and the desire for allied effort with the other organizations of the conference, in spreading the living gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad, I will have fulfilled my purpose.

MRS. HARRY VANCE,
Committee.

No. 44—RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that we, the Miami Annual conference hereby express our hearty appreciation of the splendid work of our Branch Women's Missionary Association, and pledge anew our continued support in every helpful way.

C. W. SNYDER,
Committee.

No. 45—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The work of the American Bible Society carried on in 5 continents, islands of the seven seas, over 150 languages, 12 kinds of scriptures for the blind, through 9 home agencies, and 11 foreign agencies, by 9 main printing centers—Bible House, N. Y., Con-

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stantinople, Beirut, Bangkok, Chiangmai, Shanghai, Chengtu, Weihsien, and Yokohama; also 1,614 colporteurs and correspondents—621 at home and 993 abroad.

The issues of 1918, were 6,040,707 volumes—4,480,058 at home and 1,560,649 abroad. Total issues in 103 years are 134,151,630 volumes.

The American Bible Society solicits contributions for its world-wide work of Bible distribution — over 6,000,000 volumes in 1918.

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When in sorrow, *read John 14.*

When men fail you, *read Psalm 27.*

When you have sinned, *read Psalm 51.*

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Before church service, *read Psalm 84.*

When you are in danger, *read Psalm 91.*

When you have the blues, *read Psalm 34.*

When God seems far away, *read Psalm 139.*

When you are discouraged, *read Isaiah 40.*

If you want to be fruitful, *read John 15.*

When doubts come upon you, *try John 7:17.*

When you are lonely or fearful, *read Psalm 23.*

When you forget your blessings, *read Psalm 103.*

For Jesus' idea of a Christian, *read Matthews 5.*

For James' idea of religion, *read James 1:19-27.*

When your faith needs stirring, *read Hebrews 11.*

When you feel down and out, *read Romans 8:31-39.*

When you want courage for your task, *read Joshua 1.*

When the world seems bigger than God, *read Psalm 90.*

When you want rest and peace, *read Matthew 11:25-30.*

When you want Christian assurance, *Rom. 8:1-30.*

For Paul's secret of happiness, *read Col. 3:12-17.*

When you leave home for labor or travel, *Psalm 121.*

When you grow bitter or critical, *read 1 Corinthians 13.*

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, *Psalm 67.*

For Paul's idea of Christianity, *read 2 Cor. 5:15-19.*

For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, *Rom. 12.*

When you think of investments and returns, *Mark 10:17-31.*

For a great invitation and a great opportunity, *Isa. 55.*

For Jesus' idea of prayer, *Luke 11:1-13, Matt. 6:5-15.*

For the prophet's picture of worship that counts, *Isa. 58:1-12.*

For the prophet's idea of religion, *Isa. 1:10-18, Mic. 6:6-8.*

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Why not follow Psalm 119:11 and hide some of these in your memory?

No. 46—RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that we as a conference endorse the work of the American Bible Society, and that we will recommend to our people that they give their financial and moral support to the same.

No. 47—"HOW CAN WE ENRICH OUR SABBATHS?"—REV. J. L. URICH—NOT RECEIVED.

No. 48—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN HOME.

The home is the oldest and most sacred of institutions founded by our God for the welfare and uplift of humanity.

The Psalmist says, "God setteth the solitary in families." Psalm 6:8.

God intends that in the home he should be given proper recognition; that parents should train their children by precept and example to keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. Hence, he gives Israel the command in Deut. 6:4-9, "Hear, O Israel; Jehovah our God is one Jehovah, and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou riseth up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thy house, and upon thy gates."

Deut. 6:20-25, "When thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, what mean the testimonies and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Jehovah our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, we were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and Jehovah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; and Jehovah showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his house, before our eyes, and he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers. And Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jehovah our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive as at this day. And it shall be righteousness unto us, if we observe to do all this commandment before Jehovah our God as he hath commanded us."

We sometimes fail to recognize the significance of the Christian home. The Christian home is God's ideal of what a home ought to be.

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When Henry Grady, the southern orator stood in Washington D. C., and looked upon the capitol for the first time, tears came to his eyes, and he said to himself: "Here is the home of my Nation. That building is the official home of the greatest Nation God's eye ever saw." A few weeks later after spending the night in an old-fashioned country home, where the noble Christian father read from the old fashioned Bible, and knelt with his children around the family altar; and after having associated for a day and night with the manly Christian man and the noble Christian woman in this old fashioned Christian home, he said: "I was mistaken in Washington; that pile of marble, magnificent as it is, is not the home of my country, but here in these country homes are reared the men and women of my country."

Just recently there occurred this incident in the home of a very prominent church member. The woman of the home had taken as her guest for the night, a native missionary from the Orient. The next day as the guest was about to leave, the hostess asked her, "What had been her greatest surprise in America?" She replied, "I do not see your God in your homes."

Realizing that too frequently those who are in the home fail to see Christ in the home, therefore be it

Resolved. 1. That we give ourselves unreservedly to the work of making Christ pre-eminent in the homes of our people.

2. That we place renewed emphasis on the importance of establishing the family altar in every home in the Church.

3. That we stand opposed to everything that threatens to undermine the sanctity of the home.

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Resolved,

That we greatly appreciate the coming of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. King with the children from the Otterbein Home, and the delightful entertainment furnished by the Band, under the direction of Rev. O. F. Bilger, and that we pledge anew our allegiance to this wonderful institution, and that we support in every possible way the splendid work of the home in caring for the Old Folks, the Homeless and Helpless, and in the care and training of the children entrusted to its care.

O. D. WELLBAUM,
Committee.

No. 49—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TELLERS.

Recording Secretary—W. M. VanSickle.

Statistical Secretary—E. E. Saul.

Conference Treasurer—L. O. Miller.

Trustee, Otterbein University — (Term expires 1924) M. I. Comfort.

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Conference Board of Trustees — (Term expires 1924) J. G. Huber.

Sunday School Board of Control—Re-election of old Board.

Board of Education—Re-election of old Board.

Anti-Saloon League Trustee—J. H. Dutton.

Conference Elementary Superintendent—Ella Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER VANSAUN,

W. C. ANDREAS,

L. M. HOHN,

Committee.

NO. 50—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY EXTENSION.

A call of no uncertain sound has gone out to the Church of Jesus Christ. Ministers every where are being exhorted to consider more seriously the teaching function of their office and emphasize it. The Church, which is the only institution commissioned by Christ, and empowered by His Spirit, is called to proclaim to the nations of the world the message of God. The chief business of the pulpit is to dispense that message in a connected, systematic manner, that the Christian people of this age be fortified in their faith so as not to be influenced by the spirit of this age, which is composed chiefly of materialistic philosophies and scepticism, and which has already crept in and done us much harm.

Every great movement had its beginning. It was in the year 1913, that our Church fostered the awakening to an increased interest in the Word of God. It seems at first thought that it was before its time, but it was not out of place. Not everybody, however, appreciated its importance at first. But, the watchmen on the walls of our Zion were alert. They realized that danger was impending in our American churches, and that the hour had fully come for someone to take the initiative in impelling a renewed interest in the Word of God, that the spirit of revolt, which is being manifest against the Church of Jesus Christ may be struck a staggering blow. The General conference and the Board of Directors of the Seminary authorized Seminary Extension as the channel through which this special line of endeavor should be carried on.

A real need has been met. So successful has been the movement in its benefits, both to the clergy and also to the laity, that the Board of Bishops in their quadrennial address to the Church, which was delivered at Wichita, Kansas, May 10, 1917, voiced the following approval:

"This important adjunct of Seminary activity has come into popular favor very deservedly and rapidly. It is a sound and well-

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foundationed endeavor to place the whole ministry of the Church under effective guidance in a constructive study of the Holy Word of GOD, with a view to a better shepherding of the flock of God. It has resulted in a widespread interest in the Bible, and in a new realization of its availability for inspiring and guiding the whole Church to conquest and service to Jesus Christ. Outstanding in this great and gracious work is the name of Prof. G. A. Funkhouser, D.D., who in the providence of God has directed the education of two generations of United Brethren ministry. Seminary Extension has appeared to be the crowning service of a long and unusually useful life. It will be eminently fitting that this body renew its approval of this work, and forward it by such added support as may be necessary for its larger efficiency and power."

A little while later, the General conference not only endorsed the approval of the Bishops, but also adopted the following items:

A subject more vital to the denomination, and through it, to the Kingdom, could scarcely be brought before this body than that which will secure a larger number of well-trained leaders.

We heartily commend the work of Bonebrake Seminary, looking toward a well-trained ministry.

Since, however, a large number of our pastors cannot, or will not, avail themselves of the Seminary course, we commend the plan for increased Bible study, known as Seminary Extension, and in order that it be further projected, we recommend:

1. As an educational measure, that each conference be requested to appoint a committee of five of their own number to receive, examine carefully, and grade the paper of each pastor.

2. That a certificate of merit be given to such as complete the four-year's course, having received a grade of 75 on a scale of 100.

3. The matter of selecting and outlining the course to be left with Dr. G. A. Funkhouser, or his successor in Seminary leadership.

4. The necessary expenses of maintaining this department be incorporated in the Seminary contingent fund.

I say therefore, honor to those who were instrumental and also spiritually moved in bringing this vital subject to the attention of the General conference of our denomination for its serious consideration.

Too long alas, has the Bible been a neglected book. "U-Boat Theology" has already supplanted it in many of our theological schools, colleges, and one time sacred pulpits. The influences which have come from Germany in the way of Rationalistic Theology and Destructive Criticism, have already worked havoc in the churches of America. As an outcome of the late war, the

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Gospel of good works, the Gospel of physical sacrifices and sufferings have as never before supplanted that of salvation through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Not long ago a prominent theologian told a body of Methodist clergymen that, "Men who died on the battlefield, whether they are professing Christians or not, will be saved. Those men are, in my opinion, as truly dying for mankind as did Jesus Christ." He is only one of the many not governed by God's opinion.

In a recent book review by Dr. Jno. L. Campbell, of a book written by several professors of the University of Chicago, and edited by one of their number we have the following item for our serious consideration: "In the light of new historical criticism, it (the Bible), has been discovered to be a natural instead of a supernatural book, and to reflect the scientific knowledge of ancient peoples, rather than to anticipate the scientific knowledge of the modern world. The twentieth century world needs a twentieth century religion, and has as a part of its task to make that religion for itself. Biblical infallibility is now abandoned, and the idea that the source and the certainty of the preacher's message are rooted in God's dictation and donation of truth is no longer tenable."

Brethren, it is high time that we awake out of sleep and declare war on such infernal infidelities. The time has fully come for an outspoken declaration of the truth of God's Word. We must meet the issue. It may mean suffering to the extent of blood, but to win the lost for Christ, and hold what ground we have already gained, we must concentrate our teaching upon the great fundamental realities of the nature of God, the deity of Jesus Christ, the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, the reality of sin and its eternal consequences, and the Gospel conditions as the only means of salvation of the souls of men. The Bible is the instrument of our illumination, and only as we are illuminated will those to whom we minister be illuminated. We are commanded to instruct our auditors in the great doctrines of the Word of God, and if we fail to do so we take upon ourselves the name of Ambassadors in vain.

How can we best instruct? The Christian minister is exhorted to study. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." When we read these words we wonder why so many of the twentieth century ministers are searching for a message other than that of revealed truth. "Study." Study what? The Word of God. I do not disclaim the fact that it is of vital importance that the ministry be composed largely of men who are educated, but more vital is it that we know the Book of God. The world of nations has turned away from the revealed will of God. This is shown by

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the present unrest in individuals who make up the nations. Men are constantly talking about world reconstruction, but the only reconstruction which America needs is a general awakening to the importance of Bible study in the daily life of the believer. The Bible is the only remedy for a bleeding, heart-broken world. We must study it. We must preach it. But before we study it we must have faith in the fact that the Bible is the Word of God; that it is verbally inspired of God. There are many people in our churches who do not want to believe the Bible to be the Word of God. Their conduct betrays the fact. I trust that this cannot be said of any minister of this, or any other United Brethren conference. To be benefitted by the study of the Word, we must receive it as the Word of God, we must be desirous and diligent to know what is in it, not for the sake of improving it, but to be improved by it.

The words, "I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way," may be easily applied to the minister who neglects Bible study. Jesus commanded his auditors to search the Scriptures, and no one is excusable who violates this law. The ministry is bound to inquire after the things of God, and one can learn of them in a rightful way only as the Word is studied. I know that it is profitable to read the works of other men, but the works of other men is not the preacher's authority. Some time ago there appeared an article in the Telescope which reads thus:

For clearness, read Macauley.

For logic, read Burke and Bacon.

For action, read Scott.

For conciseness, read Bacon and Pope.

For sublimity of conception, read Milton.

For common sense, read Benj. Franklin.

For elegance, read Virgil, Milton and Arnold.

For simplicity, read, Burns, Whittier and Bunyan.

For smoothness, read Addison and Hawthorne.

For interest in common things, read Jno. Austin.

But, "for lofty, ennobling sentiment, sympathy, candor and honesty. for comfort and consolation in affliction, and for the promise of the life that now is and the life which is to come, read the Bible."

Such men as the above, have brain, intelligence, imagination, reasoning faculties, powers of observation, and literary taste, and their writings are instructive and interesting, but our interest is only in the books of these men, and not in the men themselves.

Brethren, our interest should be in the Person as well as in the book. But we must go to the Book of Books to find the Person for therein is a complete revelation of God, the eternal, omnipotent, immutable God, and it is through His Word that God reveals

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Himself in love and goodness, and mercy and truth. We need to study the Bible:

1. For personal benefits. We are to be examples to the flock of God, hence we study for the secret of holy living.

(a) We study it for sanctification. The words of David, "Where-withal shall a young man cleanse his ways? by taking heed there-to according to thy word," and the words of Jesus, "Father sanctify them through thy Word, thy Word is truth," are to be seriously pondered by all Christians.

(b) We study it for service. The minister may be a good mixer, active and energetic, yet be far from doing real service. The fact that one is expert on dishing ice cream, or serving oysters is no real indication of Christian service. We go to the Word to learn what service really is, and no one can be an efficient servant until he be, "filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

2. And then we need to study the Bible for the benefit of others. The common ignorance of the Bible is appalling. Multitudes there are who are almost without any knowledge, whatsoever, of the Word of God. This is clearly seen in the perishing condition of God's people. Oh, that the multitudes only knew what a wonderful book the Bible really is! And let me say here that there are many who are literally hungering for the Word, but, "how can they hear without a preacher," of the Word. The only Word that many get is from the pulpit, and precious little it is indeed, from some pulpits.

The call to the ministry is a great call. Greater than the call is the message. There is a quantity of messages to be given out to-day, but every message which the minister utters should be focused in the Gospel of God. Preaching the gospel stands at the fountain-head of all the preacher's duties. But the minister must be prepared to preach. The time for a preacher to speak without preparation is past. God never intended for the clergy to depend entirely upon divine inspiration. It is impossible for a minister who speaks extemporaneously, Sabbath after Sabbath, to accomplish anything definite. Unprepared minds very seldom, if ever have a message. Originality is all right if not pressed too far, but I fear that some preachers are too original for the good of their people. If we would accomplish anything definite, then we must, "feed the flock of God," and feed them until their hearts burn within them. You know what it takes to make the fire. We are after results. The United Enlistment Movement is on, and if we would accomplish anything definite, then we ministers need to be found in that most sacred place called the ministers study, and delve deeply into the Book of God. Let me give you the experience of Dr. Jno. Todd. He says that "Some look upon the Bible

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as a garden of spices in which you may walk, and at your leisure pluck flowers and gather the fruits of the Eden of God. But this does not accord with my experience. I found it more like a mine, in which you must dig and labor, a mine rich in gold and precious things, but it must be wrought night and day to produce them." The minister must be a student of God's Word. He must not, cannot neglect the Word of God and be successful.

But the Bible demands method in study. As a means toward this end we find it in Seminary Extension. What is Seminary Extension? The Seminary Bulletin defines Seminary Extension as, "an effort to extend stimulus and help in affiliation with the Seminary to the ministers in the active work in the matter of systematic study of the Bible."

Now that all the conferences have taken up the work and the movement has been heartily endorsed by the Board of Seminary Trustees, the Board of Bishops, and the General conference, and that ministers everywhere in the denomination have sent in Appreciative Testimonials, I therefore beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. That we commend the wisdom of those who were responsible for the formation of this new and vitally important addition of Seminary activity.

2. That we, as a conference, do hereby endorse the present plan of Seminary Extension, and that we enter into a hearty co-operation with the director of this department of Seminary activity, that our ministers may have the best Biblical preparation obtainable.

3. That we stand four-square for the Word of God, and that we seek to educate ourselves and our auditors by the weekly unfolding of the Word of God, which is the end sought by Seminary Extension.

"For we are not as many which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." (2 Cor. 3: 6).

CLARENCE S. SMITH,
Committee.

NO. 51—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY EXTENSION.

The committee received and graded papers as follows: W. C. Andreas, 90; C. B. Boda, 95; F. H. Bohn, 85; O. F. Bilger, 88; M. I. Comfort, 92; W. T. Frank, 90; W. H. Klinefelter, 98; W. C. Niswonger, 98; E. S. Weimer, 93; and Ivory Zimmerman, 95. By oversight in reporting last year on the work done, the name of F. H. Bohn was omitted. He had submitted a paper and received a grade thereon of 83.

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The assignment for the present year is as follows: Time, Object, Analysis. Those points are to be considered by every writer on the book which may be the subject of the paper.

Genesis, W. C. Andreas, E. J. Haer, J. M. Replogle.

Exodus—J. L. Armstrong, L. M. Hohn, E. E. Saul.

Leviticus—O. O. Arnold, Maud E. Hoyle, Walter Sinks.

Numbers—A. Barnhart, J. G. Huber, W. H. Smelker.

Deuteronomy—N. D. Bevis, E. P. Huddle, C. W. Snyder.

Joshua—O. F. Bilger, W. R. Hughes, C. W. Stephens.

Judges—C. B. Boda, J. W. Kilbourne, W. I. Underwood.

Ruth—F. H. Bohn, E. Kingman, W. VanSaun.

I Samuel—H. C. Clark, W. H. Klinefelter, W. M. VanSickle.

II Samuel—A. R. Clippinger, C. McNelly, G. A. Wahl.

I Kings—M. I. Comfort, J. H. Mayne, E. S. Weimer.

II Kings—E. S. Comrey, H. E. Myers, O. D. Wellbaum.

I Chronicles—A. Dunkleberger, W. C. Niswonger, J. E. Yingling.

II Chronicles—J. H. Dutton, J. A. Pantle, I. Zimmerman.

Ezra—B. F. Farris, C. E. Plack.

Nehemiah—W. T. Frank, G. T. Powel.

Esther—C. E. Fryman, S. E. Racey, M. O. Stine.

Those preparing papers on the books Genesis to Numbers, should send their papers for grading to the first member of the committee; those writing on the books Deuteronomy to Ruth, should send their papers to the second member of the committee; those writing on I Samuel to II Kings, send to the third member; and those writing on I Chronicles to Esther, send to the fourth member.

All papers should be in the hands of the committee no later than July first, 1920.

W. H. Klinefelter retires from the committee, and the names of the committee as it is now constituted are: W. C. Niswonger, M. I. Comfort, O. O. Arnold, J. H. Dutton.

W. C. NISWONGER,

M. I. COMFORT,

O. O. ARNOLD,

J. H. DUTTON,

Committee.

No. 52.

Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Brethren of the Miami conference—

I sincerely thank you for your devotion to Bible study and teaching as outlined by Seminary Extension. By means of it our God has enriched many lives in the past six years. But now, along with other denominations, we as a Church are in a new era. Every

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hour is freighted with tremendous possibilities which involve extraordinary responsibility.

The United Enlistment Movement is on; life recruits by the hundreds are crowding our altars, offering their lives for special service; thousands of intercessors are covenanting to, "read a portion of Scripture daily, and to pray for the triumph of Christ." These classes all are looking up into the faces of their pastors, and asking to be taught what the Book itself says. Disconnected pulpit deliverances no longer satisfy. As never before there is urgent demand and need to know what the will of the Lord is. In all ages God has always most honored the minister who has most honored His word. Revivals follow the lifting of God's standard.

President Wilson says, "Politically, economically, socially, the world is on the operating table, and it has not been possible to administer an anesthetic." For this stricken, helpless patient we know and say that God Himself, through His word is the only hope, for as the Scripture says, "God is unto us a God of deliverances and unto Jehovah the Lord belongeth the escape from death."

May the coming year be the best in the personal life and ministry of each one of you.

With increasing love for you, I am,

Your brother,
G. A. FUNKHOUSER,
Director, Seminary Extension.

No. 53—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY AND FINANCE.

We, your committee, on Boundary and Finance, recommend the following:

1. That Miami conference consist of one superintendent's district.
2. That the salary of the conference superintendent be fixed at \$2,750.00
3. That the salary of the recording secretary be fixed at \$50.00, the statistical secretary at \$35.00, and the conference treasurer at \$100.00, said salaries to be effective for this year's session of the conference.
4. That we continue to have six districts with the same boundaries.
5. That Springboro, Otterbein Home and Utica constitute the Springboro-Otterbein Home Circuit.
6. That New Hope and Pleasant Hill be made separate charges, but to be served by the same pastor.
7. That Troy Street Church, Dayton, be under the supervision of the conference superintendent and the conference board of trustees.

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8. That Potsdam and Phillipsburg be continued as the Potsdam-Phillipsburg charge. The question having been raised as to the advisability of this relationship, your committee unanimously agreed to this recommendation, and that the equity of the Phillipsburg church in the parsonage at Clayton should be adjusted according to disciplinary provision. Part IV, Chapter 12, Section 14.

9. That Waterhouse and Hill Grove constitute the Waterhouse charge.

10. That Savona and Weaver station constitute Savona charge.

11. That the following constitute separate charges: Eldorado, Maple Park, Nashville, Oregonia.

12. That there be an increase of at least ten per cent. in all pastors' salaries in the conference. That salaries of pastors be paid in full at intervals not greater than one month.

13. That the matter of terms with the evangelist be left in the hands of the Committee on Evangelism.

14. That of the approximately \$900.00 remaining unpaid of endowment assumed by Miami conference for Otterbein College, \$300.00 be paid this year, \$300.00 next year and the balance the year following.

15. That the charges be urged to pay the benevolent, and ministerial relief money promptly each month, and that the conference treasurer pay the missionary appropriations monthly.

16. That each charge assume an amount equal to two per cent. of the pastor's salary for ministerial relief. Said amount to be raised by a special offering on an appropriate occasion, or as may be determined by the charge.

17. That the minimum salary for pastors in the Miami conference be \$1,000.00 and parsonage, governed by the following conditions: (a) The pastor shall reside on his field of labor; (b) The pastor shall give full time to the work of his pastorate; (c) The congregation shall make a ten per cent. increase on pastor's salary over last year; (d) The Conference Benevolence Budget shall be paid in full; (e) On charges where there is no parsonage an allowance of \$200.00 may be granted for parsonage rent by Conference Board of Trustees; (f) It shall be understood that under no conditions shall a charge receive more than \$200.00 either for pastor's salary or parsonage rent.

18. That charges now receiving minimum salary become self-supporting, so far as possible.

19. That the Miami conference endorse the United Enlistment Movement, and promise hearty co-operation along all lines. That our pastors arrange their local programs in harmony with the schedule of the United Enlistment Movement, and seek in every way possible to reach the goals, both spiritual and financial. That

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our entire Church membership co-operate with the pastors in making this movement a success in the attainment of every goal.

20. That the conference budget be fixed at \$26,887.50 including the following items:

General conference apportionments..	\$16,500.00	
Salary of conference superintendent.	2,750.00	
General conference expense fund...	200.00	
Otterbein college, current expense,		
\$1,600.00, obligation on endow-		
ment, \$300.00, Total.....	1,900.00	
Miami conference expense	1,000.00	
Conference church extension	4,500.00	
Total		\$26,850.00

21. That the following appropriations be made:

(a) To Mission charges:

Carrmonte	\$ 100.00
Cheviot	500.00
Clifton	450.00
Fairview	100.00
Fort McKinley	100.00
Hamilton	300.00
Norris Memorial	450.00
North Bend	150.00
Piqua	450.00

Total \$ 2,600.00

(b) To Ministerial Relief:

H. A. Bovey	\$ 150.00
T. F. Bushong	300.00
M. R. Geyer	150.00
J. P. Stewart	250.00
Mrs. W. J. Pruner	100.00
C. W. Miller	200.00
Mrs. A. L. Billheimer	125.00
Mrs. W. K. Albright	75.00
Mrs. R. E. Hemphill	250.00
J. W. Flory	250.00

Total \$ 1,850.00

21. That the following amounts be apportioned to the charge to cover our benevolent needs:

Charges	Budget, 1919	Addition	Budget, 1920
Aley	\$ 60.00		\$ 62.50
Arcanum	700.00	\$ 100.00	800.00
Antioch	400.00	50.00	450.00

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Charges	Budget, 1919	Addition	Budget, 1920
Beavertown	150.00	15.00	165.00
Brookville	425.00	50.00	475.00
Belmont	225.00	75.00	300.00
Clifton	125.00	15.00	140.00
Cheviot	90.00	10.00	100.00
Cherry Grove	325.00	35.00	360.00
Colerain	175.00	25.00	200.00
Cowden Memorial	750.00	150.00	900.00
Carrmonte	75.00	10.00	85.00
Columbus Ave.....	200.00	25.00	225.00
Clayton	525.00	25.00	550.00
Dexel Park	50.00	5.00	55.00
Eaton	250.00	50.00	300.00
Euclid Ave	1,800.00	100.00	1,900.00
East Dayton	525.00	75.00	600.00
Eldorado	150.00	25.00	175.00
Ft. McKinley	85.00	15.00	100.00
Fairview	175.00	20.00	195.00
First Church	1,800.00	200.00	2,000.00
Germantown	650.00	65.00	715.00
Greenville	500.00	75.00	575.00
High Street	275.00	35.00	310.00
Hartford Street	500.00	50.00	550.00
Home Avenue	350.00	50.00	400.00
Hamilton	175.00	25.00	200.00
Harrison	100.00	25.00	125.00
Ithaca and Verona	450.00	50.00	500.00
Caylor and Abbotsville..	250.00	50.00	300.00
Lewisburg	475.00	25.00	500.00
Liberty	650.00	100.00	750.00
Lockington	300.00	50.00	350.00
Maple Park	25.00	5.00	30.00
Miami Chapel	300.00	50.00	350.00
Miamisburg	200.00		200.00
Middletown	600.00	150.00	750.00
Millville	75.00	25.00	100.00
Mt. Healthy	200.00	25.00	225.00
Nashville			75.00
New Hope	325.00	35.00	180.00
New Haven	500.00	50.00	550.00
Norris Memorial	75.00	10.00	85.00
Newport	180.00	20.00	200.00
North Bend	215.00	20.00	235.00

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Charges	Budget, 1919	Addition	Budget, 1920
New Madison	450.00	50.00	500.00
Otterbein	375.00	25.00	400.00
Otterbein Home and Springboro	150.00	150.00	300.00
Olivet	150.00	10.00	160.00
Oak Street	1,250.00	250.00	1,500.00
Oregonia			40.00
Piqua	300.00	100.00	400.00
Pleasant Hill			180.00
Potsdam	300.00	20.00	350.00
Rosewood	400.00		400.00
Rosburg	300.00	30.00	330.00
Savona	175.00	25.00	200.00
Sulphur Grove	235.00	25.00	260.00
Lagonda Ave.....	475.00	25.00	500.00
Troy Street	120.00	(dec.) 20.00	100.00
Union City	500.00	50.00	550.00
Union Chapel	125.00	10.00	135.00
Vandalia	400.00	50.00	450.00
Waterhouse	250.00	25.00	225.00
West Elkton	500.00	50.00	550.00
West Manchester	300.00	30.00	330.00
Wagner	120.00	5.00	125.00
Willey Memorial	175.00	25.00	200.00
West Middletown	250.00	25.00	275.00
Yorkshire	30.00	5.00	35.00
Total	\$23,945.00		\$26,887.50

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. HALL, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE EXPENSE.

The following items to be charged against the new account of "Conference Expenses," in Miami conference budget.

- (1) Salaries of treasurer and conference secretaries.
- (2) Interest on Miami conference loans.
- (3) Superintendent's traveling expenses not to exceed \$250.00.
- (4) Traveling expenses other than conference superintendent.
- (5) Stationery, stamps and printing and supplies.
- (6) Telephone and telegrams.

Estimated amount, \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. LAMMERS,

CHARLES J. HALL,

Committee.

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On motion unanimously adopted by the Committee on Boundary and Finance, August 30. 1919.

No. 54.

That the conference Board of Trustees recommend that the sum of ten thousand dollars each to the Cheviot and Clifton churches be pledged, that these amounts to be in the form of gifts, and not loans. That the above amounts be placed in the askings of the United Enlistment Movement. If, however, the conference shall not raise the above amounts, through the United Enlistment Movement, it shall still be liable for the above amounts.

The details of this recommendation in respect to time and manner of payment shall be left to the discretion of the Conference Board of Trustees.

G. T. POWELL,
Committee.

No. 55—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICY.

Having a common aim and common objectives to reach, the units of any large organization should work together under more or less definite plans and specific rules, hence the appropriateness of the expression of a policy under which all may work. Your committee finds that the policy of our conference as set forth in the Minutes of last year are sufficiently expressive of the policy for this year as to need but little recasting, which we have done, taking from and adding to it, to meet the needs of the present year.

Having as a denomination, in common with practically all other evangelical denominations of our country entered upon a great forward movement, for intensifying the Christian interests and life of our people, and the extension of the Master's Kingdom at large, which movement we call in our denomination the United Enlistment Movement. It will be necessary for every pastor in the conference to enter upon the duties that fall to him in this movement with full consecration and energy; and with all loving persistence and patience, seek to fully enlist his people in the movement.

1. *On Standards for the Ministry*—Inasmuch as the increasing impetus for raising the standards of leadership, in order to fuller efficiency, is felt in all organized movements not excepting the Church, we urge a rigid enforcement of the requirements of the Discipline for entrance into the ministry of our conference.

2. *On Financial Support*—The enlightenment of our age, and especially that of our own country is such that no person can claim to be a consistent Christian, who does not support the

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Church with his means according to the measure of his prosperity and his command of money to use for the Lord's cause. Therefore it is the sense of this conference that all wage earners and others, having money at their command, should contribute systematically each week, both to the local church and the conference budget. That each church adopt the fifty-two envelope system, and that this plan be made clear to all applicants for church membership before being received into church fellowship. That each church plan its finances so that all collections necessary to meet the obligations of the conference year be made not later than the second Sunday prior to the convening of conference.

3. *On Conference Finance*—To meet not only the regular demands of our conference as represented in the claims on the conference treasury, but also to measure up to the heroic in giving as is implied in the United Enlistment Movement it will be necessary for pastors and people to work harmoniously and somewhat continuously on the educating and inspiring the congregation and the membership in general, with the higher than common things embraced in this great movement, let each pastor, and each layman who has caught the vision, set himself to the task, and keep at it in all loving kindness.

Special Days—That the special days, "The Four Sundays on Stewardship." (Oct. 26-Nov. 19) be observed in the true spirit of their purpose. That the self-denial offering at Thanksgiving time be taken on every charge.

4. *On Soliciting Funds in the Conference*—Persons collecting money in the conference for any church project, whatever, shall report the amount, together with a list of the donors, to the pastor of the charge on which the money is collected, unless for conscientious reasons the donor wishes his name withheld.

5. *On Conference Appropriations*—Churches receiving missionary appropriations must pay an adequate share of the pastor's salary, and their just share of the conference budget, so that the appropriation may be reduced from time to time.

6. *On Keeping Local Church Record*—In harmony with the Discipline of the Church, pastors shall keep a correct record of all accessions, dismissals, deaths, marriages, and baptisms occurring in our fields, and this record shall be the property of the local church. The enforcement of this provision shall be in the hands of the conference superintendent.

7. *Relating to Annual Reports*—All pastors' reports shall be in the hands of the statistical secretary five days previous to the opening of annual conference.

8. *On Church Conservation*—In the matter of the revision of Church records we urge upon all our pastors and official boards to adhere closely to the Disciplinary, rules in the matter. Though

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thousands are received from year to year into our Church fellowship, yet our net gain seems to be too small. That there should be a net increase with honest record keeping is of course the earnest desire and constant prayer of every true Christian worker, let there be no lack of care over the weak of the flock lest they drop out of the ranks.

9. *Pastor's Efficiency*—

(1) His proper response to the requirements upon him already set forth.

(2) An organized Sunday school at each appointment with an increased enrollment equal to ten per cent. of the enrollment at the beginning of the year.

(3) One Telescope to every seven church members, with names and address, of subscribers furnished his successor.

(4) Classified roll of members of official board, with their addresses, together with the alphabetical roll and address of members of each local church at the end of the year, to be given to the pastor's successor.

(5) Seminary Extension, the study and teaching of assignment, and paper written and sent to standing committee.

(6) *Communion Services* shall be held simultaneously the first Sabbath of the months of November, February, May, and August.

Efficiency of a Church—

(1). When the membership respond cheerfully to their pastor's leadership in all the interests of the church and keep themselves in the love of God.

(2). When they pay their pastor up fully, as nearly as possible at the end of each month.

(3). When the attendance at the prayer meeting averages not less than twenty per cent. of the membership living within one mile of the church.

(4). That seventy-five per cent. of the membership of the local Church engage in weekly worship in the House of God.

(5). That fifty per cent. engage in daily prayer and Bible study about the family altar.

(6). That ten per cent. enroll as tithers.

(7). Obligation to the General conference claims—the said claim shall have priority over the Annual conference claims and shall be paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. KLINEFELTER,
C. B. BODA,
W. T. FRANK,

Committee.

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No. 56.

WHEREAS, Rev. W. R. Hughes, a member of our own conference, has given of his time, his energies, and in a measure his health, on call of his country in this great World War to the cause of World's Democracy—

Therefore, be it *resolved*, that we, as a conference, express our appreciation of the high honor his noble sacrifice has conferred upon us as a conference—

That we pray that our good Lord may abundantly bless him in restoring him to his former good health, and that he may be granted the privilege of living and working for the Kingdom of God for many years to come.

J E. YINGLING,

G. T. POWELL,

J. H. DUTTON,

Committee.

No. 57—REPORT OF TREASURER OF EVANGELISTIC COMMISSION.

September 1, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 50.02
Received sale of Tabernacle	15.00
Collected from Fields	1,961.83
Total in Treasury	\$2,026.85
Paid to C. V. Roop	\$1,881.91
Paid Geo. Lambert, Interest.....	9.00
Balance on note	100.00
Paid Sec., Printing Telephone and Stamps....	9.00
Total Paid out	\$1,995.91
Balance in Treasury	\$ 30.94

No. 58—COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We are glad at the close of another year to have the privilege of meeting together in this, the one hundredth and tenth session of the Miami conference. We consider this an epoch making conference, the year just closed, having marked steps of progress along all lines.

We express from the depths of our soul, admiration and praise to Almighty God for his wonderful grace; that through Him we have been able to go forward toward the goal that has been set before us. And have a faith that in the year just now before us through the co-operation of all in the great program before the Church we shall be able to praise him for greater victories than have thus far been ably achieved.

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We wish just here as a conference to express to this local church, pastor, members and officials, also the many who have opened to us their homes and in such a hospitable manner, have entertained us, thus making possible this great conference our gratitude and praise for the wonderful way in which they have received and cared for us while with them during these days. Specially do we want to thank the good women and girls for the bountiful meals provided to satisfy the appetites of this vast assembly looking to them twice per day and for the satisfactory way in which they have served to us these bountiful provisions.

Many things of interest and importance have been brought to our attention during this conference and in order that we carry with us during the year some of the things as definite points of interest wish to present to you the following:

1. That we, as a conference, local churches' pastors and lay delegates place our stamp of approval upon the great enlistment program of our denomination and that we accept our share of the obligation and in an earnest and systematic way set ourselves to the task of reaching the goal set for us.

2. As a denomination having been born in a revival, and feeling the value of such a birth, wish to place ourselves on record anew as being in favor of a real revival of religion, and in connection with other conferences accept the challenge for a new program of evangelism, such as is adequate to meet the demands of this new day.

3. Our denomination having been a pioneer in the great temperance work of the world wish to restate our principles as standing for a temperance program that will not only make Ohio or the United States dry, but that the whole world may be blessed by this great effort. We wish again to sanction the efforts of the anti-saloon league and the work which they have been able to do and pledge our loyalty and support to them and other movements interested in temperance. We are glad for the success already achieved but are not willing to stop until our Nation stands without a question as a dry Nation.

4. Realizing the great spirit of united effort on the part of all denominations to bring about the Kingdom of God upon earth and to unify their efforts so as to bring about the greatest results with the least expense and overlapping of efforts, do recommend co-operation with the Inter Church World Movement in their plan of procedure to meet the demands of this new day.

5. Being proud of the great Nation of which we are a part and believing that her continued success remains in the providence of God and to be all that God intends us to be must in the future in a more definite way than in the past recognize the Authority and Law of Jesus Christ, do sanction the proposal to em-

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body in the preamble of the Federal Constitution an Amendment reading as follows:

"Devoutly recognizing the Authority and Law of Jesus Christ, the Savior and King of Nations."

6. Seeing the need of Christian Statesmen all over this land and men who are willing to stand for the truth at any cost, want to encourage this great work by placing our stamp of approval upon the religious principals, character and services of Mayor Switzer of this city, and that as far as we are able through our influence and by the power of the ballot in our hands will see to it that many more such men be placed in official capacity in this land of ours.

7. Recognizing the influence the Bible has in the lives of men and the lack of Bible study on the part of so many, we pledge ourselves anew to do all in our power to cause to be established in every home a family altar, where the Bible shall be read and prayer offered daily that God may have a new chance in our lives to help us to be all that he would have us to be, and to be able to do all that he would have us do.

8. Knowing the important work that the American Bible Society is doing we place our stamp of approval upon their work and as far as is possible will co-operate with them in making the last Sunday in November, Universal Bible Sunday.

9. Realizing the importance and influence of the public press in this day in helping to mould the character and life of peoples, wish to express from our hearts in a greater way than we are able to express in words our gratefulness to the papers of this city for the liberal space given, and the unique way in which they have presented to the people of this city, the proceedings of this great conference.

10. In view of the great need of the day in administering to the social needs of the people, and recognizing that almost all that is being done along this line, is from a commercial standpoint, see the need of the church broadening her program and helping to supply this demand from a Christian standpoint, thus helping to save our children and young people for Christ and the Church.

11. Appreciating the way in which this conference has been planned and carried through, wish to commend our Presiding Bishop, and our superintendent, Dr. Clippinger in their arduous effort to make possible such a conference.

We wish to express our thanks to all who have taken part on the program, and so efficiently done your part.

Specially do we thank the quartets, the Otterbein Home Band. This special music has been a great inspiration to our souls.

W. H. SMELKER,

Committee.

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No. 59.

Dayton, Ohio, August 30, 1919.

To the Honorable Woodrow Wilson,

President of the U. S. A.,

Washington, D. C.

Honored and Respected Sir:

We, the members of the Miami conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, assembled in annual session, representing a constituency of at least 25,000, recognizing your very arduous and complex duties, as President of this great Nation, wish to assure you of our sympathy and prayers, and our hope that a League of Nations may be formed that will honor God and bless the world.

Also thanking you for your influence and assistance to the Congress in securing the National Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicant liquors, and your war prohibition, respectfully and earnestly request you to use all your power to prevent the lifting of this measure, before the 16th of January, 1920, when the National Amendment takes effect.

J. W. KILBOURNE,

J. H. DUTTON,

W. H. SMELKER,

Committee.

No. 60—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

In all the history of the temperance movement there has been no year crowned with such signal victories as the one since this conference last convened. A few years ago the people of this State had little hope of its voters ever voting for State-wide Prohibition. But last November they gave the Drys a majority of 25,000. National Prohibition was only a beautiful "Utopian dream." "A Dry Nation by 1920," was looked upon as the rash statement of some prohibition enthusiasts. But we have lived to see that it was not the words of a fanatic but the voice of God sounding the death knell of a disreputable business. War-time prohibition may soon cease, but the will of the people shall soon follow, forty-five States having ratified and endorsed the National Amendment to the Constitution.

When the saloon forces realized that National prohibition was a fact, and not a dream, all sorts of things were prophesied by their leaders. An effort to organize a "No Beer, No Work," brigade was a big failure, and a said disappointment to the brewers. A great business depression was to follow close upon the wake of National prohibition, strikes were to be numerous on account of it, millions of men were to be thrown out of work, millions of dol-

lars worth of property was to be lost, and numerous other calamities were to happen if the United States decided to be a sober Nation.

But these wild outcries proved only to be the awful agony of John Barleycorn in the terrible hour of death. It being only an effort to deceive the people, and prevent if possible, the destruction of the saloon business. Instead of all these calamities occurring quite the opposite has been true. Instead of increased crime and disorder there has been a very noticeable decrease in the largest cities and in some of the smaller communities their jails and detention houses have been closed for the lack of inmates. During the first month of prohibition there was a decrease of fifteen per cent. in crime in New York City. This is also true of Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Los Angeles and others. Drunkenness has been almost entirely eliminated. And all this within one month; with only a half chance for prohibition.

But the effects of prohibition have not all been negative. It has not simply taken away the bad effects of the saloon, but has made it possible for the constructive and positive side of society to step forward. During the first month of War-time prohibition many cities have stated that there has been a noticeable increase in the savings accounts in sales at the groceries, department stores, clothing stores, real estate, etc. In fact nearly every line of legitimate business has been benefited either directly or indirectly by prohibition.

But we must not allow these victories to lessen our interest and efforts toward prohibition. The enemy has not been entirely crushed but is now reorganizing his depleted ranks for a final effort this fall. They are trying to break down the prohibition morale and to discredit the dry organizations in the eyes of the public, by false statements and misrepresentation of facts they are trying to destroy and undermine the great temperance sentiment that is sweeping over the country. Again this fall we will be confronted with a campaign by the brewers. Already the necessary petitions have been filed for submitting to popular vote the act of the Legislature ratifying National Constitutional Prohibition. At least three other amendments will be submitted to the voters of this State. This is only a move to confuse the voter and thereby gain at least a partial victory.

Therefore, be it *resolved*,

That we, as laymen and ministers of Miami conference, give our loyal support to the Dry campaign this fall; that we open our churches and pulpits to the Dry workers of this campaign in order that all possible information may be given to the voters of this State.

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That we also give all possible support to the enforcement of the Dry laws enacted by this State, and the Federal Government.

E. R. TURNER,

Committee.

No. 61—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDITING.

Dayton, Ohio, August 29, 1919.

As your Auditing Committee, we have carefully checked and fully audited, the books and accounts of Rev. Wm. M. Van Sickle, Treasurer of Miami conference Mutual Benefit Association, Rev. O. O. Arnold, Treasurer of the Evangelistic Commission, and L. O. Miller, Conference Treasurer, and have found same correct.

CHARLES J. HALL,

FRED W. LAMMERS,

EVERETT E. NIEMAN,

Committee.

No. 62—AN OHIO RURAL CHURCH SURVEY.

B. F. LAMB, *Supervisor.*

Ohio Rural Survey Section.

INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA.

The Interchurch World Movement of North America, recently organized, has been endorsed by more than fifty denominational boards. Furthermore, a great national conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, and attended by more than five hundred denominational secretaries, college presidents, editors, and other church representatives, adopted resolutions favoring this world-wide program. Numerous State conferences have been held with similar approval. The purpose of the movement is to bring about a thorough-going plan of co-operation among the various evangelical churches in their attempt to Christianize the world.

The first thing to be done is to make a complete survey of the world from a religious standpoint on which can be based a program capable of being budgeted in terms of men and money. It is time for the Christian Church to know just how much money and how many men are needed to effectively Christianize the world.

The survey work is divided into the foreign and the home. The home survey is sub-divided into the city and the rural departments. Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer, of New York City, is at the head of the home survey, and Dr. Edmund S. Brunner, also of New York City, has charge of the rural department. Each State in the Union has its rural survey supervisor with a survey council made up of representatives of as many of the co-operating denominations as possible without making the committee unwieldy. The

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Ohio Survey headquarters are at 521-22 Columbus Savings and Trust Building, Columbus, Ohio.

The Survey Supervisor needs to find from two to four men in each county who, for their expenses, will organize a County Survey Council and then conduct the survey within the county. The survey will be made on community lines and will cover the economic, social, educational, health, religious, and other conditions in the community that modify or determine in any way the success of the Christian Church.

In Ohio a preliminary study has already been made. Originally it was taken up by the Ohio Rural Life Association, and later by Rev. C. O. Gill, who worked in connection with the Federal Council of Churches. In so far as possible the results of the previous work will be used, but much additional information will be necessary in order to construct a properly organized co-operative Christian program in Ohio. The information secured will be tabulated using the county as a unit. After it is in hand, however, it will be available for the various denominations and religious organizations to transfer to their own ecclesiastical units, such as districts, presbyteries, associations, etc.

It is to be hoped that the county survey councils and community committees will be able to construct programs for their respective counties or communities, which programs will be built into the State program and again into the National and World programs, in such a way as to work toward the provision of adequate church equipment and adequate religious leadership for every community and every family in the State. It is also hoped that this work will encourage studies on a more intensive scale in local communities which will result in more intelligent building of community churches and working out of constructive church programs in the communities. After the facts are assembled throughout the world.

Protestantism will understand its task. Then a Nation-wide concerted campaign of all denominations will be possible, "for the development of the spiritual resources in prayer, men and money necessary to put the program through to a successful completion."

In brief, the purpose of this movement is—

First—To make a scientific survey of the world so that we will know the exact needs from a religious standpoint.

Second—To outline a constructive program on the basis of these facts.

Third—To bring about concerted action on the part of all the co-operating denominations that their united action and influence may result in a tremendous impact upon the world for righteousness and Christianity.

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This can be done most successfully only when every community and every individual, who is in a position to help, does his part.

NO. 63—THE BONEBRAKE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Greatest Asset of the Church.

Assets are usually reckoned on a basis of tangible property. Yet in this instance the money value of the Seminary does not constitute the big asset we are talking about even though that amounts to a respectable sum. Neither do we consider the faculty, those who called the school into life and those who have served on the teaching staff for these many years as constituting that bigger asset which the church may claim in its Theological Seminary.

A Good Showing.

The biggest value accruing to the church from the Seminary is its thousand or more students who have enriched the church in every department of her work. A great many are filling our best and strongest pulpits. Others are the heralds of the Cross in foreign lands and on the frontier or in important mission stations.

Four are serving as Bishops in the church.

Four as Editors of our church literature.

Four as General Secretaries.

One as Agent of the Publishing House.

Five as teachers in the Seminary.

One as the Business Manager of the Seminary.

Three as Presidents of our colleges.

Five as Professors in our colleges.

Nine as Conference Superintendents.

A Poor Showing.

Even with this good showing, however, the Church has not yet fully appreciated the Seminary, the training agency of its leaders, as its biggest asset. We are tagging along toward the rear of the procession in the matter of ministerial preparation. For every 10,000 members, the Congregationalist Church has 12 theological students in training. The Presbyterian Church has 11, the Protestant Episcopal Church has 8, the Lutheran Church has 7, the Baptists have 3, and even the Methodist Church has 2, while the United Brethren Church has $1\frac{1}{2}$.

No Danger of Overstocking.

There never was such a great demand in our country or abroad for the product of Theological Seminaries as just now. Every denomination is crying for men. The Congregational Church had to draw forty-three per cent. of her new ministers from other

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churches in 1917. The Presbyterian church is short 1,000 preachers in ten States immediately west of the Mississippi River.

The Methodist church south is keeping 600 churches open with supply pastors.

The Baptist church reports 242 vacant fields in Virginia out of a total of 1,115.

Eight superintendents of the Friends Denomination report a decided need of men.

The Presbyterian church south has 800 vacancies.

Out of 1,600 Reformed pulpits 100 are vacant.

Our own Church has always from 50 to 100 vacant pulpits and about as many more that might just as well be vacant.

The Source of Supply.

We may not look to the State schools or even to the church schools of other denominations to train our future ministry. A survey in 1906, in 10 State universities showed only 4 out of 1,000 graduates preparing for the ministry. In 1915, there were only 96, out of 1,165 students in 11 Theological Seminaries of six denominations who came from State schools. Of the 29,404 graduates of the University of Illinois only 83 have gone into the ministry and 6 into missionary service. Our hope for future leaders lies in strengthening our church schools. Bonebrake Seminary must continue to supply our preachers, our General Officers, our Bishops our Editors our Teachers. The leadership in a church is the big asset of the church. Bonebrake Theological Seminary must be equipped and endowed to furnish more leaders. Miami conference is helping to make this possible through the splendid co-operation of her ministers and laymen as brought to light in the recent campaign for endowment funds. Let us keep up the good work by giving not only our money for endowment and much needed scholarships, but our men to Bonebrake.

WM. A. WEBER,

Committee.

NO. 64—THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN THE NEW AGE.

"The Christian College in the New Age," was discussed by Dr. Wm. E. Schell. He began with a brief selection of Scripture from Isaiah 2, 2-4, and stated that the world war is the epoch which divides the old age from the new. A clear understanding of the vital relation of the Christian college to the old age lends instruction as to the importance of the Christian college for the new age which we are just entering.

He then gave a brief history of the founding and growth of the early colleges of the country, showing that they were all founded with the express purpose of developing Christian character in the

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lives of their students. The same fact holds good with reference to the Christian colleges founded since the Revolution. They have produced from ninety to ninety-five per cent. of the Christian leaders for State and Nation.

The public schools were born out of ideals of Christian education, and, if they are to be preserved and have abiding values for the new age, it will be because the Christian colleges of our country thrust into them Christian ideals, and continue to raise up great armies of Christian teachers to man them.

The Church cannot go forward without competent ministers, nor can the Nation abide without Christian leaders. The secret of an advancing Church, the assurance of a stable government, the hope of an abiding civilization, is a consecrated and well-trained leadership.

A real leader is a person who knows which way to go, who can stand with unflinching courage for the right, who can grapple with difficulties till they are overcome, who can inspire the people to follow him to the hilltops of victory.

This is the sort of men and women the Christian colleges are producing to take their places as leaders in State and Nation. They are needed more to-day than ever before—men of broad culture, right hearts and strong wills, and this sort of men the people will follow. The progress of the race and the issues of our holy religion are wrapt up in the discovery and training of larger numbers of Christian leaders.

Therefore it is our bounden duty to inform our people as to the meaning of Christian education and the gigantic importance of our Church schools. They take the finest raw material the Church can furnish, multiply its value a hundred fold, and then return it to the Church and to the Nation, "in a life-giving stream of intelligent faith, trained power, and consecrated leadership." And we must arise unitedly to better equip and endow them, and to fill them with our sons and daughters.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

To maintain a Christian college
And with earnest students fill it,
Is to plant corn for the wide world,
And provide the men to till it.

Each one's a recruiting station
For the men we sorely need,
To make effective our great program
And our mighty armies lead.

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Center also for their training,
Birthplace of ideals grand;
To our youth gives conservation,
School most needed, — let it stand.

Stand and prosper through the ages,
Prized by men and by God blessed;
Pouring out its benefactions,
North and south and east and west.
—*Wm. E. Schell.*

NO. 65—ADDRESS BY S. A. PROPST

BEFORE THE MIAMI CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Last November, the Prohibition forces captured the great commonwealth of Ohio. In the capitulation that followed it was agreed that on May 27, 1919, the sale of all beverage containing alcohol should cease. That breweries and distilleries should operate only in the manufacture of goods to be used in legitimate lines. For purposes of saving food and maintaining a high moral and efficient standard in the United States military forces the Congress passed a temporary prohibition act which made the whole Nation dry July 1, 1919, to continue until the armies were demobilized.

During this time forty-five States had ratified the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution and January 16, 1920, the United States will be constitutionally dry forever. Under our present government the liquor traffic has no more chance of returning than Negro slavery has. All that is necessary to hold it is the churches led by a loyal efficient ministry to stand four square in the fight.

Early in the year the breweries had planned a series of elections and court actions by which they were to regain a portion of their losses and prove that Prohibition was only a wave of fanaticism. They are still listening for the roar of the breakers when that wave goes to pieces against the brewery walls around Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Saint Louis. Instead of the roar of breaking rocks, instead of the wailing and gnashing of teeth, there comes the cry from a joyful liberated childhood, and a prayer of thanksgiving from the motherhood of the Nation. We will not turn back.

This year, in Ohio, we are called to vote upon two wet amendments to our State constitution. The first one defines an alcoholic beverage as containing two and three-fourths per cent. alcohol by weight, a beer or wine with kick enough for all. The second amendment provides for the repeal of State-wide prohibition and reinstating the license system. It also carries the same definition of intoxicating beverages as the first proposal.

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Either one or both of the proposed amendments would open beer and wine saloons in every town or township, without regulation and without recourse to the local option laws in our statutes. These saloons can sell intoxicating liquor seven days and nights in the week. They can sell intoxicating liquor to your boy or your girl, and you will not have the power to raise a hand against it. They can place a saloon by your door and there is no law to remove it. The privileges asked for by the Pro-German brewers through these amendments are greater than they have been allowed in almost half a century. We will vote NO on these amendments.

The Wets have also called a referendum on the Senate Joint Resolution, ratifying Federal Prohibition, and another upon the law enforcement measure (House Bill No. 24). They hope to defeat these two acts of the legislature and by this encouragement prolong the fight against National Prohibition and at the same time thwart successful enforcement of State and National prohibition. We will vote YES on these two referendums.

There is but one thing in which the brewers can place any hope of ever coming back. That hope is based upon the embarrassment or destruction of the United States Government. They have and are taking advantage of this hope.

First, a large majority of the brewers of this country are foreign born. They never loved America except for her dollars. They could filch these dollars through debauching men and women with less personal danger to themselves than by blowing up banks. So they brewed beer, besotted a people and robbed them while in delirium. These same brewers aided the enemies of our country during the world war. The millions they poured into the coffers of German propagandists in this country was, in part, shipped to Central and South America for safe keeping. This money is now being returned and is being used to aid in the development of stages of unrest. The brewers' money that so abundantly oiled the wheels of the I. W. W. and Bolsheviki machines in this country during the war is still doing the same thing. This money returning helping pay for the printing and distribution of literature that reaches ten million people every week. A strong and well organized body of radical Socialists, I. W. W. and Bolsheviki has been in existence for some time and is growing stronger every day. The cities of any size across the northern half of our country have the radicals so well organized that all railroad and telegraph communications could be cut or blown up in a night's time, the city governments destroyed and soviets started in their place. The brewery money paid into the German American Alliance and now returning from its hiding in South America is, in a large degree, paying the cost of this, the greatest menace to America. Why are they

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doing it? Because it is their only chance of ever turning America back to the beer mug.

Just last Thursday, Lewis E. Pierson, of the United States Chamber of Commerce, after an investigating tour throughout the country, reported that "Radicals in America are openly advocating Revolution." "Business men seem indifferent or ignorant of the facts." "No real effort is being made to answer Bolsheviki propaganda." "Apparently a shrewdly conducted and amply financed Bolsheviki campaign aims at the overthrow of the Government."

An organization of New York Ministers has appealed to the ministry of United States to use its influence in checking the overwhelming radical tendency of the day. The un-American brewery combine must be struck a blow from which it can never recover and the greatest ally of radicalism will be dead.

The life of the Church and Nation will be insured when the destruction of the Liquor Traffic is complete.

Bolshevism outlaws the ministry on the ground that the preacher is holding his people subservient to the capitalistic class, because of large donations to the Church by the rich. If the Church expects to carry out her program, if the Government expects to live, radicalism must be checked and its ally, the un-American brewery, annihilated. My appeal to you as ministers and laymen of the Miami conference is to go back to your work with the determination to give the next two months to the finishing of the fight against the liquor traffic. If you are called upon during this campaign to act, let no program or plan stand in your way. Whatever is done must be done now.

NO. 67—ETHEL MARIE BEVIS.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Bevis, in the loss of their infant daughter, Ethel Marie, who was born May 20, 1919, and fell asleep in Jesus on the 28th of the same month, as a rose to bud on earth and bloom in Heaven.

And because of this, may the lives of these bereaved parents be blessed and enriched in service and sympathy to those whom they minister.

A few lines from "Resignation" express our thoughts:

"She is not dead, the child of our affection,—

But gone unto that school

Where she no longer needs our poor protection,

And Christ Himself doth rule.

In the great cloister's stillness and seclusion,

By guardian Angels led,

Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,

She lives whom we call dead.

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Not as a child shall we again behold her;
For when with raptures wild
In our embraces we again enfold her,
She will not be a child.

But a fair maiden in her Father's Mansion,
Clothed with celestial grace;
And beautiful with all the soul's expansion
Shall we behold her face.

—*M. I. Comfort.*

NO. 68—COMMUNION ADDRESS.

By C. I. B. BRANE.

1 Cor. 1: 22-24.

It is a great privilege to know "Christ crucified," as the propitiation for our sins, and to proclaim him as the Son of God and the Savior of the world; a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, smitten of God and afflicted; crowned in derision by wicked men, but with honor and glory by God and the angels; his visage marred more than any man, yet the fairest among ten thousand and the one altogether lovely, unto whom the gathering of the people shall be, and that in response to the most loving and solicitous invitation that ever came to the sin-burdened, sorrow-stricken hearts and lives of men: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

"Come ye disconsolate, where-e'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth hath no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal."

It is a remarkable fact that Christianity's chief sacrament is a memorial of death, and that a true discernment of its spiritual content implies and provides for the real presence of the body and blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, not literally, but symbolically; and yet not merely figuratively or theoretically, but in spiritual substance, the body signifying the gift of eternal life as set forth in John 3:16, and the life blood as a sacrificial atonement for human transgression, apart from which there is no remission of sin; for "except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave him-

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self for me." "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acception, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

"I have sinned, and I have suffered,
Who has not through blood or bone?
If there be a mortal living
Let him bravely cast the stone."

And it is surprising how persistently the tendency of sin in human nature seeks to maintain, or regain, as the case may be, the place of power in every faculty of our being, even after the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death, and after we have loyally laid aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us; so that when we would do good, evil is present with us, subtly functioning with every weakness in our depraved nature, including body, mind, and soul, and frequently luring us into condemnation. Here we are at twenty, with the faults of childhood upon us—peevish, fretful, and disobedient; at thirty or forty, but still wearing the badge of youthful folly—proud and pleasure loving; at fifty or sixty, but not yet wise with the experience of life—sordid, selfish, and sensual.

But despite the presence of sin in our mortal bodies, which we do not allow to reign; notwithstanding our past faults and present failures, we hope and intend by God's grace to overcome our weaknesses, and also every obstacle in the path of our spiritual pursuits, and to grow in grace and in graceful resemblance to Jesus Christ; "for we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

A crucified Christ implies and demands a risen Savior. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable; but "if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Thus those who sleep in Jesus shall lose nothing because they happened to die before he came, but shall share alike with those who are alive at his coming, who shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; "when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Then shall the saints, those who shall have died and those who are alive when he comes, enter upon the enjoyment of a perfect bodily vestment,

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positively assured and adequately stated and described in these words of St. Paul: "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

Brethren and friends, this is not human speculation that I am speaking; these are not mere matters of poetry or sentiment, except as those blessed products of the human head and heart stand for and respond to all that is most real and substantial and abiding in our structural lien on immortality, which is the only satisfactory answer to life's withheld completions. The purest and wisest heathen classics nowhere furnish such exalted conceptions of future life and glory as are set forth in the unmatched and unmeasured meaning of these quotations from God's word.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1918, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 1919.

Organization: The Conference Board of Trustees met on September the 20th, 1918, and organized by the election of Dr. A. R. Clippinger, President and J. E. Yingling, Secretary, for the year.

Unfinished Business: Rev. C. W. Snyder in a letter of communication stated that his Field of Labor, New Haven, having met all the requirements of the Minimum Salary plan, was therefore entitled to \$20.00 under said plan. On motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay the said amount to Rev. Snyder.

Willey Memorial: On motion this church having met all the requirements of the minimum salary plan were voted \$—00 on last year's salary.

New Business: Maple Park: On the recommendation of Superintendent this class was voted \$80.00 under minimum salary, when it shall have paid \$120.00 on pastor's salary, also to have paid \$25.00 on Conference Budget.

Miamisburg: On a statement by the Superintendent, this class is carrying a financial load too heavy to be borne, the Board therefore instructed the Treasurer to pay \$195.00, or one-half of the interest paid yearly by this church, when they have secured \$399.00, borrowed from their building fund, and \$52.00 borrowed from the bank—or a total of \$451.00.

Piqua: The pastor, Rev. C. W. Stephens, was present and made a statement of the financial condition of the Piqua church—stating that its total local indebtedness was \$4,900.00, also \$1,196.44 due the conference. As per his request the Board voted that when said church shall have paid off its entire indebtedness of \$4,900.00 and

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\$596.44 with interest due the conference, then the Board would cancel the balance of amounts due, namely: \$600.00, provided, however, said amounts are secured and paid not later than October 1, 1920, or 18 months from the date of this agreement. Rev. Stephens presented further the action of his Official Board, requesting that we increase the amount of \$200.00 to \$300.00, and the time from two to three years on interest paid on parsonage loan. Also that the same amount be apportioned to said church on pastor's salary. After much discussion it was voted to extend the time, but that the amount remain the same on parsonage interest, namely, \$200.00, and for three instead of two years. The matter of salary not being within the province of the Board, was referred to the Annual Conference.

Alleys Chapel: The Superintendent stated that this church had presented to him the question of rebuilding or no, in view of the fact of their having but \$300.00 on hand when the lowest bid for building contemplated was \$4,000.00—submitting the matter to the Board for consideration.

It was agreed on motion that the Superintendent enter further into the matter with said Board of Trustees, relative to the matter and then recommend to them what to him seem the very best policy to pursue.

Troy Street: The Superintendent with the pastor, Rev. Smelker, and a committee composed of Mrs. Moon and Misses Schlotterbeck and Hummery, made a detailed statement of the financial, numerical, social and religious condition of this church and community.

In harmony with their recommendations, the work of Troy Street church ought to be continued—but if so then two things must be done, namely:

1. The conference must arrange to care for the entire indebtedness on the church house. On motion the Superintendent and Treasurer were therefore instructed to arrange with the parent or general Church Erection Board for a loan covering said indebtedness.

2. That the conference arrange to send a strong man as pastor to said field. In harmony with this, it was agreed that we request the Finance Committee to appropriate \$400.00, the Home Mission Board to appropriate \$400.00, and with the \$400.00 paid by the local church, would make a salary of \$1,200.00 and parsonage.

The Treasurer was instructed to investigate the seeming exorbitant tax bill as presented for payment, with authority to pay if satisfactory, also interest on entire indebtedness. (The entire indebtedness on this church is about \$3,000.00, with interest.)

Kingsville: The matter of Insurance on the Kingsville property was referred to the Treasurer for adjustment.

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Belmont: This church having purchased a parsonage for \$3,700.00, it was agreed that we pay \$150.00 on interest, one-half the first day of March, 1919, and the other half the first of September, 1919.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Rev. J. A. Robinson \$100.00, or one-half due him on minimum salary.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Rev. B. F. Farris \$40.00, or one-half of the yearly amount apportioned under minimum salary to Maple Park.

On motion the Board agreed to assume the balance pledged to Otterbein College, and that arrangement for its payment be left to the Annual Conference.

On motion Rev. W. M. VanSickle, pastor of Clifton church, was granted leave to solicit funds for the benefit of said church, within the bounds of the conference.

Entertainment of Conference: A committee representing Euclid Avenue church was introduced by the Superintendent and extended a hearty invitation to the Board, for the conference to be the guests of said church during the next conference session. On motion the invitation was unanimously accepted. Also the manner of entertainment with the price thereof was left to the local church for adjustment.

On motion the Bishop was requested to set the time for the opening of conference to Wednesday, August 27, 1919.

Millville and Springboro: A committee consisting of Dr. Christman as chairman, was introduced and suggested that in view of the conditions obtaining in both of these churches, some arrangement could not be made whereby said churches could be consolidated, or at least some arrangement entered into whereby fewer ministers would be needed to supply said pulpits.

On motion, after much discussion, it was agreed that two men from each denomination, including the M. E. at Springboro, and the Presbyterian at Millville, form a joint committee to go over the ground and report their findings to the Board, at a later meeting.

On motion the Superintendent and Treasurer were authorized to publish a tract of Church Finance for free distribution among the churches of the conference.

On motion it was agreed that the minutes of the coming annual conference be more elaborate and extensive than heretofore, and that the Superintendent be authorized to name some one to assist him in the securing of clean advertisements sufficient to cover the entire cost of publication, if possible.

A. R. CLIPPINGER, *President*,
J. E. YINGLING, *Secretary*.

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Dayton, Ohio, August 26, 1919.

The Miami Conference Board of Trustees met on the above date, with the following members present:

Clippinger, Klinefelter, VanSickle, Kilbourne, Powell, Comfort and Yingling, also Bishop Mathews and L. O. Miller.

A delegation of eight members from the Miamisburg Church were present and made a statement of the financial condition of this church, finally stating that they were instructed to say that they would or could not promise more than \$800.00 in full of the coming year's budget.

After much discussion the matter was deferred until another meeting of the Board.

Rev. J. H. Dutton and Brother Coulter, of the Oak Street church were present by request of the Conference Superintendent, as it was his hope that arrangements could be made with the Oak Street church to assist in the work of the Troy Street church.

This church, after an every member canvass reported that their finances were in better shape than they anticipated and that with \$500.00 assistance from the conference they could care for a salary of \$1,200.00 and parsonage for their pastor, provided of course the conference arrange further to care for the debt, \$1,300.00.

This matter was also referred to a called meeting of the Board. Rev. Comrey of the Cheviot, Cincinnati church, was present, and stated the financial condition of his church with a request for advice or instructions as to the future.

After Dr. Clippinger had stated his recommendation that would be submitted to the conference for action his request was then tabled to await the action of the conference on said resolution.

August 27, 1919.

The Conference Board of Trustees met on above date on call of the Superintendent.

ABANDONED CHURCHES.

Hopewell church, on the Lockington Circuit abandoned and the members transferred to the New-Hope class of said charge.

Otwell church, of the Harrison circuit, abandoned and the members transferred to the Rockdale class of said circuit.

New Baltimore, of the old New Haven circuit abandoned, and the members transferred to the New Haven class or station.

Pikeville church, in Darke county, a church held jointly by the United Brethren and Reformed Churches, but abandoned by us some years ago. We are now offered \$100.00 and court expenses for our equity in said property, by the Reformed Church.

And on motion this offer was accepted, and this property with the other church buildings and contents were ordered sold and the

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money received by said sales be turned over to the Conference Board of Trustees for distribution.

On motion the financial difficulties of the Troy street and Miamisburg churches were taken and the following action taken:

Miamisburg: On motion it was agreed that we request the Stationing Committee to assign one of our men able and willing to give his entire time to the work of said charge—and further that we recommend to the finance committee the appropriation of \$400.00 on salary, and that the Board care for the interest on their interest bearing debt for one year.

Troy Street: That we recommend the appropriation of \$500.00 on pastor's salary by the Finance Committee, and that the Board arrange to care for the Miamisburg Building and Loan Association loan of about \$1,300.00, and that we respectively request the Stationing Committee to assign a pastor who can give his full time to the work of said charge.

Adjourned on motion.

A. R. CLIPPINGER,
President,
J. E. YINGLING,
Secretary.

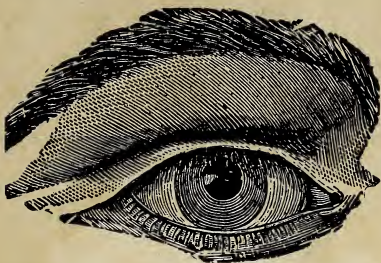
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